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SPORTS

Varsity team wins at East Jordan and Charlevoix



Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team finished second in the Lake Michigan Conference this year, ending its league schedule with two victories on the road last week. Grayling posted an 11-3 record in conference play this year, two wins behind first place Traverse City St. Francis (13-1) and two wins ahead of third place Elk Rapids (9-5).

On Friday night, the Vikings ended their league slate with a 74-62 victory at East Jordan. Grayling led by as many as 23 in the contest, but the Red Devils rallied in the last 9:30 of regulation, pulling within eight at one point late in the fourth period. **Page 11**

Comeback attempt falls short in 63-59 loss vs. Charlevoix



It was a close game all the way through, and the score was tied with two minutes remaining in regulation. Charlevoix made enough plays down the stretch, hitting several key free throws, to beat Grayling 63-59 during Tuesday night's varsity girls basketball contest, a league match played at Grayling High School. **Page 12**

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Voters deny school bond issue

Crawford AuSable School District voters rejected a bond issue that would have funded bussing and school facility improvements Tuesday.

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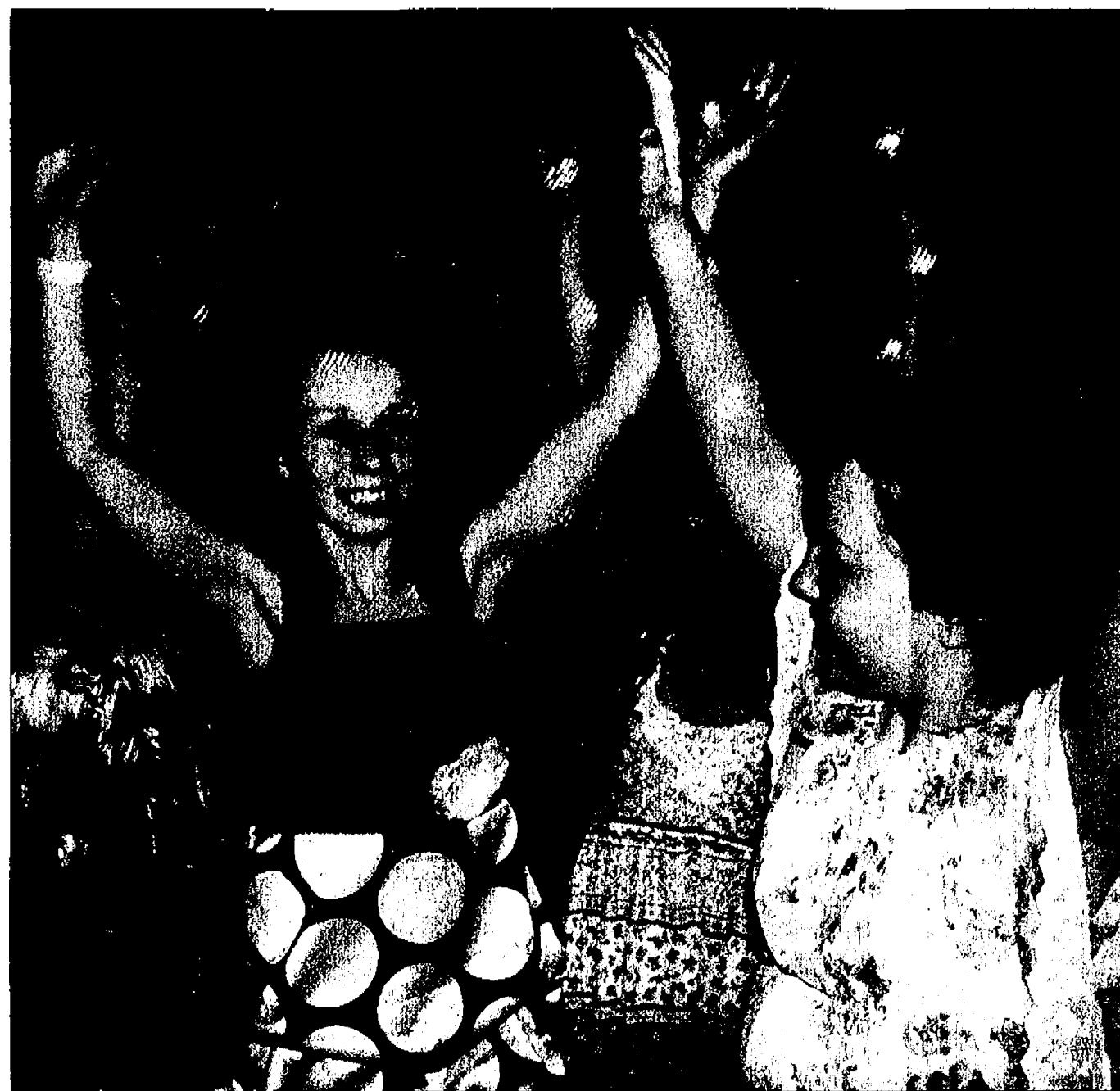
school district to issue \$2,990,000 in bonds, to buy busses and make improvements at all school buildings by a 1,126 no to 1,068 yes vote.

Approval of the bond issue would have meant the school district's debt

levy would have increased from 4.9 mills up to 5.2 mills. The increase would have meant that a homeowner, with a \$100,000 house with state equalized value of \$50,000, would pay an additional \$15 in taxes per

year for the next four year.

The bond would have then dropped down to 4.2 mills for debt previously approved to renovate and expand the Grayling High School.



Daddies and daughters dance the night away

Daddies and their daughters, who are students at the AuSable Primary School and Grayling Elementary School, attended the annual Daddy Daughter Dance last Wednesday. AuSable Primary School music teacher Jim Brown provided the music as well as a laser light show. The dance included a limbo contest, a hula-hoop contest and plenty of dancing to popular songs. Above, students waved their hands in the air as the dance came to a finale. Below right, Emmalee Beck shows her best moves on the dance floor. Below left, Madison Hehir, daddy Nate Hehir and Allia Hehir pose for a photo before heading to the dance floor.



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Man sentenced to serve 25 to 40 years in prison for killing brother

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 72-year-old Frederic man, who was convicted by a jury in January for shooting and killing his brother, was found in contempt of court for misrepresenting his assets before being sent to prison.

46th Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy sentenced Paul Barry Easterle to serve 25 years to 40 years in prison in Crawford County District Court on Wednesday, Feb. 21. He was also ordered to serve 93 days for domestic violence and two years and eight months to four years for assault with a weapon. Easterle was given 233 days credit for the time he has served in the Crawford County Jail.

A jury convicted Easterle of the three charges on Jan. 24.

Mark Easterle, 60, of Waterford, was shot and killed by his brother on Sunday, July 3, 2011.

The incident started with the brothers arguing over the treatment of Paul Easterle's wife, who suffers from dementia.

Mark Easterle was in Crawford County for the Fourth of July weekend with his children and grandchildren. They went canoeing on the Manistee River, and were preparing to grill hamburgers before Mark was called to his brother's home, located near the cabin.

Just prior to the sentencing hearing last week, Grayling attorney Adam Vernon, Paul Easterle's defense attorney, requested an additional \$2,000 to \$3,000, for his work on the case. Vernon said a typical court-appointed case involves just six hours of work. He said he put 87 and a half hours into Easterle's defense.

Murphy went back through Easterle's court file to his petition filed with District Court Judge Monte J. Burneister for a court appointed attorney. Easterle claimed he had "zero" assets on July 5, 2011.

After being put under oath and some badgering from Murphy, Easterle acknowledged that he owned a home, two vehicles, 33 gold coins, 46 guns in his personal collection, plus guns he had for sale as a federal firearms dealer.

Murphy sanctioned Easterle with a \$1,000 fine for contempt of court, which will be paid to the law firm of Carey and Jaskowski, where Vernon is employed.

"Don't play games with me Mr. Easterle," Murphy said from the bench.

Vernon requested Murphy to keep Easterle's sentence at the low-end of the sentencing guidelines since he had had no previous criminal history.

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GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS ARE TAPPING BACK TO THE 1920s



Members of the Grayling High School Players have been downtown at the AuSable Dance Center in Grayling, where they are learning a tap routine for their upcoming production of the Tony-award winning Broadway musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Co-owners of the AuSable Dance Center, Chelsea Partello and Felicia Phillips are providing weekly sessions for the cast to learn tap moves and routines to perform. Phillips, the dance director for the production, has been teaching the high school students for six weeks as well as writing some of the dance routines. Thoroughly Modern Millie will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on March 8, 9, and 10 in the Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

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The District Health Department #10 Offices will be moved from their current location at 503 Meadows Drive, to the new location.

Linda Van Gills, the chief health officer for District Health Department #10, has been working with the county officials over the past couple of years to find a new home for the facility. The agency needs more space for staff, storage, patient areas and when they offer multiple clinics on the same day.

Currently, the office building houses the Natural Resources Commission Services, which is a federal agency. Compo said the agency, which had just two employees in Grayling, has

been contemplating moving to Gaylord. He said the transition of ownership of the building may speed up the process.

"They have been on a month-to-month lease for quite awhile," Compo said. "We're not going to boot them out, but they need to get their house in order."

Huron Pines, a non-profit organization with a mission to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan, also leases space in the building. Their mission is accomplished by coordinating large scale river restoration, watershed management, conservation leadership and land stewardship projects.

Huron Pines has a lease for space in the building through 2013. Compo said the county would like to see the organization stay in the community for the long-term to continue their work on natural resources projects as well as adding to the local economy.

"The lease payment makes the cost of operating an additional building much more manageable," Compo said.

Huron Pines has requested more space in the building for offices.

The office building has just under 5,000 square feet. There is a property on the north side of the building, where an addition could be built as well as

providing more parking spaces.

District Health Department #10 will end with about double its space when it moves from a 1,800 square foot building to quarters with about 3,000 square feet.

"Privacy is just going to be so much better," said Rick Anderson, vice chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman, said Van Gills is more than pleased to get the requested space to serve the staff and the community.

"She said she will march to anybody's drum as long as conditions get to where they need to go," Pinkelman said.

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health, which has shared space with District Health Department #10, will take up space in the entire building on Meadows Drive.

"They'll renovate that building once they are out and they may even add on to it," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Wyman was pleased to sell the building to help the community.

"I think it's a win-win," he said. "I think it's good all the way around, for the county and for me."

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Employers take President's Day cruise on ice breaker



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The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense national committee that works with employers, reservists, military leadership, and volunteer committees to build and maintain a base of support, recently took a group of Crawford County employers and state officials on a trip aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Biscayne Bay. Above, the group included, Kimberly Tinker, Grayling Outdoor Products; Charlie Tinker, the Ole Barn; Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore; Rep. Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle; Karen Pettalia; Sen Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba; Marty Fittaute, Casperson's chief of staff; Rep. Jim Stamas, R-Midland; Marsha Stamas; Traci Cook, executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce; Lynn Thompson, Crawford AuSable Schools; Katy Nolph, office assistant for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce; and Randy Thompson, Century-21 River Country. Below, the ice cutter had to travel far out into the Straits of Mackinac to find ice to break due to the mild winter.



Board protests fuel tax change

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners fired off a resolution to protest a proposed state law that would subject governmental units to pay fuel taxes.

State Rep. Rick Olson, R-Saline, has authored a state bill to revise the Michigan Fuel Tax Act.

The main purpose of the legislation is to raise state taxes from the current rate of 19 cents per gallon for gasoline to 28.3 cents. The current rate of 15 cents for a gallon of diesel fuel would also be raised to 28.3 cents.

The bill also proposes to eliminate exemptions from paying fuel taxes for entities including state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, educational institutions and community action agencies.

The county board, at its regular meeting last week, directed Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo to write a resolution in opposition regarding the elimination of fuel tax exceptions.

Rick Anderson, vice chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said the Crawford County Sheriff's Office would take a big blow to its budget if it had

to pay the fuel taxes.

"They want their piece of the pie and we have to suffer the consequences," Anderson said.

Anderson said that the state law is just another way of passing mandates down to local units of government.

"I don't know where some of these people dream up these ideas," Anderson said.

According to a legislative analysis of the bill, the current gas tax is estimated to

bring \$844 million into the state coffers, while the diesel motor fuel tax would generate \$124 million.

If the state law is passed, the increase in gas taxes would generate about \$413 million per year, while the diesel tax hike would bring in an added \$110 per year.

The legislative analysis did not include the estimated impacts for the elimination of motor fuel tax exceptions for local units of government, schools, colleges and universities.

Foreclosure Prevention Help coming to Crawford County:

The Grayling Housing Commission has partnered with Northern Homes Community Development Corporation to provide foreclosure prevention counseling to Crawford County residents who are in danger of losing their homes. Northern Homes CDC is a HUD and MSHDA Certified Counseling Agency with experienced counselors trained to work with the homeowners and their loan servicers. The goal is to get a loan modification that will make their payment more affordable and allow them to remain in their homes. Northern Homes CDC, whose main office is in Boyne City, covers 9 counties in Northwest Michigan. In addition to providing foreclosure prevention counseling Northern Homes also provides Homebuyer Education Workshops and Financial Management and Budgeting assistance. The Grayling Housing Commission has provided FREE office space at 208 Fulton Street, Grayling, Michigan and Northern Homes will open their new office on March 7, 2012.

Office hours will be held on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The office will be run by Foreclosure Prevention Advocate Alice Yeoman. Alice can be reached at 231-582-6436...please call to set up an appointment.

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Was Michigan presidential primary worth it?

MOST POLITICAL attention across the country these days centers on the Republican struggle to anoint a candidate for the unenviable task of trying to defeat a sitting Democratic president in November.

One thing is certain: Establishing a presidential primary in Michigan this year has centered the national political spotlight on Michigan as early backers of the primary hoped it would.

Many opponents of the early primary argued that the nominations likely would be settled by the time Michigan voters went to the primary polls so their exercise in democracy would be redundant.

That hasn't happened this year, at least on the Republican side.

Mountains of money also have poured into the state to pay for the back-to-back ads in the electronic media and for all the robo-calls and campaign literature that have

hounded Michiganians, not to mention the hundreds of local rallies, lunches and event spectacles that have reached from Marquette to Albion and beyond.

All it cost Michigan taxpayers was \$10 million to pay for the election. Was it worth it? There's no real way to tell.

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THERE'S A POLITICAL cost of the Michigan primary, too, at least to Republicans.

Because the February 28 primary violated national GOP rules by jumping ahead of the traditional Super Tuesday multi-state selection process March 6, Michigan Republicans will lose half their delegates to the actual nominating convention in late August in Tampa.

Instead of 59 voting delegates, the Michigan GOP can only seat 30 voting delegates, which could be an important difference only if

the Republican nomination finally is decided at a "brokered convention" in Tampa.

The same cut-in-half rule applies to Arizona Republicans, too, because Arizona chose an early primary on February 28, just as Michigan did, and also to Florida Republicans because of the early Florida primary.

However, if the nomination is finalized before the August national convention because one of the candidates has secured pledges of enough voting delegates through primaries and caucuses and local conventions, full delegations from the miscreant state parties likely will be restored, as has been done in similar past situations.

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DOUBLE COVERAGE - I received a letter from my congressman last week inviting me to attend a Veterans Fair "so veterans can find out resources available to

them for their service." I served in the Army.

The next day an identical letter addressed to my wife arrived at the same address, inviting her to the Veterans Fair. She is not a veteran.

Both letters included our middle names, which we use only for voter registration.

Both letters were prepared on official congressional stationery and both were franked.

Small potatoes? Yes, but government waste just the same.

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APT QUESTIONS - Is there a proper way to dispose of a Quran, which for one reason or another, should be disposed of?

The proper way to dispose of an American flag that needs disposal is by burning, in a proper way, of course.

Again, what is the proper way to dispose of a Christian Bible? It seems we have always had Bibles

in our home, and I do not remember ever disposing of a Bible. Older, battered Bibles usually end up on a back shelf or in an isolated drawer somewhere in the house.

But how do you properly get rid of a Quran?

Recent events in Afghanistan - especially Afghan soldiers, trained by Americans, killing American soldiers - cause me to question why we are there in the first place.

Alexander the Great couldn't subdue, or survive, Afghanistan. Neither could Russia.

How can we help Afghanistan when Afghans don't seem to want our help or even our presence?

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Letters to the Editor

Often the best deals are right here at home

To the editor:

I entertained two friends last weekend, one from the Flint area and one from Lansing. Both have visited many times since 1987 when I moved here. This time, one came without her suitcase full of clothes, make up and prescription drugs. So we went to town Saturday morning. My friend's first surprise was that not only did the pharmacist at Rite Aid fill her scripts, but he smiled

at her and put down what he was doing and filled them immediately.

We went from there to the Gallery where both marveled at the quality of our local artwork. We enjoyed coffee at Thanks a Latte, bought sweaters (on sale) at Riverland, and something at J. Dap, Parrotts Perch, North Country Corner and the Brickery.

Still in search of pajamas, we

ended our shopping spree at K-Mart, where a total of seven pair were purchased (some for next Christmas). Not only did we have a great time, but I have convinced two "flatlanders" that Grayling is a fun place to shop. And I reminded myself that often the best deals are right here at home.

Linda Stephens
Grayling

Rights are inalienable

To the editor:

Possibly one of the primary concerns in the tragic shooting is the question of what were the God and natural individual rights of the father and his child? Rights, natural and God given are not a gift or privilege granted by government as they are inalienable, retained by all citizens and guaranteed by the constitutions of both the state and Federal government.

Our "Bill of Rights" that protects these individual rights isn't so much an assurance of our rights as it is a defense and safeguard against tyrannical and repressive governmental intrusion and invasion of these guaranteed rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which includes the right to be secure in one's home, you know, the right of privacy, as accorded us in this republic and the ninth (9th) Amendment.

Don Welser
Grayling

Historically Speaking



The above photo is at the Crawford County Museum without any identification. The photograph has a gentleman with a truck that says Camp AuSable over the windshield and the license plate partially reads USCCC. There is no year or other information. If you recognize any the gentleman in this photo or have any other clues please share your information. Send your responses to: Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 or email to: avalanche@i2k.net

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

World Day of Prayer to be held

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 2, at 1 p.m., at the Community of Christ, corner of North Down River and Glen Rd. Call Ann Doty at 348-9543.

Blood Drive to be held

A Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 7, from 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion, 106 James St.

CCUW to host Education meeting

"The Future of Education" Community Conversation with The Center for Michigan, hosted by Crawford County United Way, Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library in Grayling. Students, parents (especially those low to moderate income), business owners and educators are encouraged to attend. Make your voice heard with lawmakers. There is no admission charge. Space is limited. RSVP by calling 989-350-4462, or email crawforduw@gmail.com.

Legion Auxiliary will not meet

There will not be a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary for March. The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11.

Baby to Toddler Closet to be open

The Baby to Toddler Closet will be open the first and third Thursday of the month. It will be open on March 1 and March 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling. No new clients after 2:30 p.m. The closet is in need of girls clothes 0 to 3 months and all toddlers 1T, 18 months, 2T and 3T boys and girls. Volunteers are also needed. Call 989-348-2985.

Benefit Dinner to be held

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held for Rebecca Spicer-Lane on Tuesday, March 6, at the American Legion, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner is by donations, to help cover funeral cost.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Full moon snowshoe hike at Hartwick Pines

Strap on your snowshoes for a full moon snowshoe hike at Hartwick Pines State Park on Thursday, March 8.

With the yo-yo like winter that we've had this year, there have not been a whole lot of opportunities to enjoy Northern Michigan's outdoors on snowshoes. Since we have finally gotten a decent amount of snow, Hartwick Pines will end their winter programs with a final snowshoe hike to enjoy the next full moon.

Interested snowshoers should meet at the park's contact station (the ranger station) near the front entrance at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8.

If it is a clear night, there should be great views of the rising moon. The snowshoe hike will be over flat terrain and will follow the park's campground road (closed to vehicle traffic in the winter) to the campground, follow a loop around the campground, and return back

down the road to the contact station. This will be an approximate 2.5 mile snowshoe hike.

Bring your own snowshoes for this hike. The visitor center will not be open, so the park's snowshoes will not be available for use. If the evening is overcast, bring a headlamp.

For more information about this activity or other park programs, call the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at (989) 348-2537. Visit the park on the internet at www.michigan.gov/hartwickpines and www.michigan.gov/loggingmuseum, or facebook at the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum page.

Umpire clinic slated for March 10

The Michigan Amateur Softball Association (MASA) District 20 Umpire-in-Chief, Kim Kelly, will be conducting this year's District Umpire Training Clinic at the Alpena Events Complex (APlex) in the Upper Conference Room on Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. District clinics continue to be an important part in the instructional process of the MASA softball program and this district has the unique opportunity in that this year it is bringing Gary Evans, the State MASA Umpire-in-Chief, to take the lead in conducting the clinic.

MASA clinics are free of charge and are held in an effort to prepare local umpires for the upcoming softball season.

"This is a great opportunity for the veteran looking to advance their skills as well as for the novice umpire with little or no training who is looking to develop the proper rules and mechanics of umpiring. Saturday's session will offer a range of elements that will benefit any skill or competition level and will place an emphasis on slow pitch mechanics and umpire techniques," event organizers said.

Topics that will be covered are the One & Two Umpire systems, plate and base field mechanics, the proper calling of balls and strikes, rule interpretation, and, most importantly, how to be in the right place at the right time to "make the call."

"Everyone is welcome. Please bring anyone with you who may be interested in umpiring. It may be a friend, son, daughter, player, manager, or league director. There will be something for everyone. And though this is a softball umpiring clinic, even someone looking to better their baseball umpiring skills will find this event beneficial," event organizers said.

MASA District-20 covers Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon counties. For more information on this clinic or to find out more about other upcoming district training events contact Kim Kelly, District 20-U.I.C. at kkellymasa@gmail.com or call (989) 657-4263.

For more information on MASA Softball, visit the website at www.masasoftball.org.

Conservation District participates in AmeriCorps program

In a partnership with the AmeriCorps program, through Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development, the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District is able to offer an exciting opportunity to complete a diverse set of conservation projects as an environmental technician.

This May through October 2012 this position is also sponsored by the Higgins Lake Foundation and the Roscommon County Solid Waste Recycling Committee. To fill this position, they are looking for someone who is able to manage multiple tasks and has strong communication skills. This is an excellent opportunity to acquire hands-on experience in the fields of environmental education and public outreach.


The environmental technician will be involved with

a variety of projects. The member will develop and present outreach and education programs to a number of audiences. Some experience working with the public is preferred, but not mandatory. An outgoing people person will do well in this role. Main topics will include recycling, native plants and lake stewardship.

When requested, the member will assist townships with planning and developing their new parks.

Applications are available at www.huronpine-sameri.org and will be accepted until March 23. Fill out a hard copy of the Huron Pines AmeriCorps Member Application form and send with your cover letter, resume and list of references to:

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The Bible Speaks

God's Word Our Guide

Romans 15:1 taught us not to please ourselves. Romans 15:2 taught us to please our neighbor. Romans 15:3 illustrated these truths by the example of our Lord Jesus Christ: "3For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me." Now in Romans 15:4 we are taught to trust and obey God's Holy Scriptures like our Lord Jesus Christ did: "4For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

God's word is revealed in creation, in the incarnation of the eternal Word, Jesus Christ, and in His inscripturated Words revealed in Holy Scriptures. Hebrews 1:1-3 gives us a synopsis of God's revelation. "1God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." Jesus Christ speaks to us through His Holy Scriptures.

Just as Jesus Christ is our perfect example, so also are His preserved words in His Holy Scriptures. The first truth about God's Holy Scriptures is the teaching, learning or doctrine revealed within them. "4For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning..." 2 Timothy 3:15-17 teaches us that Holy Scriptures are sufficient for our salvation v. 15, sanctification v. 16, and ser-

vice v. 17. "15And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Because God has taught us everything from the origin of creation to the end of all things we can wait patiently in His plan: "...that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Just as our faith unto salvation comes from the Holy Scriptures, so also James 1:3,4 teaches us that the trying of our faith works patience. "3Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

We can praise the God of all comfort for His comfort in His Holy Scriptures. "3Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." (2 Corinthians 1:3,4).

The same Holy Scriptures that give us learning, faith, patience, and comfort also give us hope. "1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb 11:1). The only evidence we have and hope for the future comes from God's Holy Scriptures we hold in our hands. Pastor "B"

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Obituaries

William C. Monks

William Clifford Monks, Jr., 71, of Grayling, passed away on Thursday February 23, 2012.

He was born in Detroit on September 3, 1940 to the late William and Helen (Tomory) Monks, Sr.

He married the former Diane Galligan on August 8, 1969 in Monroe. They were married for 37 years before she preceded him in death in 2006.

He served in the US Army and was retired from the National Guard. He was a member of American Legion and the Kalkaska Eagles. He was retired from the State of Michigan where he had been a corrections officer.

William loved his kids, was passionate about Red Wings Hockey, Fishing, Hunting, Golf, NASCAR. He enjoyed his friends and "Happy Hour."

He is survived by daughters, Arlene (Bill) James of Kansas and Nicole (Bob) Adams of Madison Heights; granddaughter, Sarah; and great-grandson Brantley.

Memorial service with military honors will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 2 p.m., at American Legion Post 106.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Cadle Burrell, Jr.

Cadle Burrell Jr., 79, of Grayling, passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

Cadle married his late wife Betty (Sneed) Burrell on March 17, 1956 in Pontiac. They were married for 57 years when she preceded him in death in 2010.

He was a retired worker from Pontiac Motors. He coached little league in the 1980's and 1990's in Grayling.

He is survived by his daughters: Sandra Ann (Anthony, Sr.) Rivard of Alden, Wendy Sue (Glenn) Crane of Gaylord, Lisa Marie (Timothy) Stephan of Grayling, Melissa Lynn (Richard) Hoag of Manitowish Beach; six grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Cadle is preceded in death by his wife, Betty; both of his parents; sister, Adelia Sottos; brother, Dale Burrell; and grandson, Shawn Cadle Burrell.

A memorial service was held at the American Legion Post #106 Monday, February 27, 2012 at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences for the family may be posted at www.sorensonlockwood.com.

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 2 - Lunch - meatloaf, boiled potatoes, peas and carrots, and an apple. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool- 9 Ball.

Monday, March 5 - Lunch - breaded cod, cole slaw, broccoli and pears. Dinner - swiss steak with gravy, baked potato, green beans and watermelon. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, March 6 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and apricots. Dinner - liver and onions, cabbage and bacon, asparagus and apricots. 10 a.m. Bible study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

blood pressure checks.

Wednesday, March 7 - Lunch - BBQ chicken breast, baked potato, California blend and peaches. Dinner - pork roast, sweet potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, apple and lemon bar. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Pool- Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling, Mahjong.

Thursday, March 8 - Lunch - beef goulash, corn, green beans and strawberry yogurt. St. Patrick's Day Dinner - corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, fruited Jello and mint brownies. Wii Bowling at Kalkaska, 10 a.m. crafting and Pokemo, 1 p.m. Uno Attack, Unlucky 7's, Pool - 8 Ball, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Business News



Anita Merchant

Anita M. S. Merchant, of Grayling, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager for Chemical Bank. She is responsible for managing branch assets, goals, commitments, and staff as well as developing customer relationships in and around her office in Grayling.

Merchant joined Chemical Bank in 2009 and

has 10 years of experience in the financial services industry. She is Life Insurance Licensed, a Consumer Lending Underwriter, and an American Bankers Association's Get Smart About Credit Program Administrator.

Active in the community, Merchant serves on the Board of Trustees for Mercy Hospital in Grayling and is the Chair of the Finance Committee at the hospital. She is a board member for the Grayling Kiwanis. Previously, she was a board member for Grayling Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, Grayling Redskins and treasurer for the Grayling Co-Op Preschool.

Library News

The Genealogy Group meets every Monday at Devereaux Memorial Library from 9 a.m. till noon. Study ancestry and discover your family history with the help of experienced genealogists.

Join "Story Hour" at Devereaux Memorial Library each Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers can enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, crafts and snacks. Call Miss Connie at 989-348-

9214 for additional information.

Have a wee bit of fun at "How to Trap a Leprechaun!" on Thursday, March 8 at 3:30 p.m. Kids ages 6-12 can join us at Devereaux Memorial Library for a St. Patrick's Day program that will teach you all about Leprechauns, where they live and how to catch one. To sign up for Leprechaun stories and green food, call Miss Jane at 989-348-9214.

Military News

George Masella of Grayling has extended his service in the Grayling-based 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard and is assigned as a platoon sergeant.

Masella is a Desert Storm (1990-1991) veteran with 27 years of military service. He completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, in 1984. He was awarded three Army Commendations, one Navy Commendation, three Army Achievement Medals and three Good Conduct Medals.

In civilian life, Masella works at MATES as a sur-

face maintenance mechanic. Masella is a 1984 Grayling High School graduate. He has four children, Dom, Kac, Toni and Darien.

Sharon Whitcher of Grayling has extended her service in the Grayling-based 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard and is assigned as a platoon sergeant. Whitcher has 23 years of military service.

Whitcher and her husband, Todd, have two children, Ashley and Ty. She is the daughter of Jerome (deceased) and Mary Shoboy of Kalkaska.

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period March 8-14:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), March 8-14.

This firing schedule is

subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.



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- Sunday School: 9am
- Youth Group - Wed. Evenings 6:30pm
- Prayer Meeting - Wed. Evenings 5:30pm
- Adult Bible Study - Wed. Evenings 6:45pm
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Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 87 complaints the week of Feb. 20 - Feb. 26.

Twenty-six general non-criminal complaints, two delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, two burglaries-forced entry-residences, one larceny pocket picking, one larceny-personal property from vehicle, one larceny, two fraud complaints-larcenies by conversion, one non-sufficient funds checks, two public peace disorderly complaints, one anarchism,

one operating under the influence of drugs, one operating while intoxicated, one portable signal preemption device, two health and safety complaints, one violation of conservation laws, one miscellaneous arrest, 18 traffic accidents, three traffic violations-civil infractions, one hazardous condition, three investigations-family trouble, four suspicious situations, four driving on revoked/suspended license complaints and one reckless driving.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

Births

Miranda J. Bailey-Quick and Derek D. Quick of Gaylord, announce the birth of their daughter, McKenzie Kendall, born born at Mercy Hospital on February 24, 2012 at 1:10 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2

inches length. Amy and Ryan Johnson of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Ryan, born born at Mercy Hospital on February 20, 2012 at 8:07 a.m., weighing 10 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 22 inches length.

We would like to thank everyone who provided excellent care for Jim during his challenging battle with health issues. He was in good hands at Grayling Mercy Hospital, Munson Facilities, Hospice and with Dr. Stirling and staff.

We greatly appreciate everyone who expressed concern and caring for his well being with cards, phone calls and prayers. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

Thanks to all who attended Jim's Memorial Service, sent cards and offered assistance to us in ways too numerous to mention.

And we cannot forget to express appreciation to the Sorenson-Lockwood Staff for their caring, professionalism and excellence in all areas of service to our family. Terrie was able to deliver a Memorial Service for Jim that captured his loving, fun personality without ever having met him.

The Family of Jim McClain

Man sentenced to serve 25 to 40 years in prison for killing brother

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Crawford County Prosecutor Everett Ayers said he believed Easterle should serve life in prison, but said the sentencing guidelines were appropriate, since there will be a 10-year review given to Easterle for parole.

"The thing that bothers me the most is he has never acknowledged any wrongdoing whatsoever," Ayers said.

Ayers was successful in getting the amount of restitution paid to Mark Easterle's estate up to \$23,279.28, which is covered in a provision of Michigan Crime Victim's Rights Act that allows fines to be triple when there is a death.

"His brother and that family were devastated," Ayers said. "It blows me away that he has shown no remorse whatsoever. He's just cold as ice about it."

Mark Easterle's daughter, also noted that Paul has never shown any sorrow for taking the life of a beloved father and grandfather.

"Since you've asked for no forgiveness - you'll never find any," Bloodworth said. "Even if you said those words now, it's too late, because of all of your actions, all of your lies and all of your argumentativeness shows you don't understand and you don't care."

Easterle had little to say on his behalf.

"There's no point, your honor," he said.

Murphy said the entire incident was senseless, before ordering Easterle to return to the Crawford County Jail.

"I know you are old, but you didn't commit the crime of a 72-year-old, you committed the crime of a punk, and you need to be sentenced for that," Murphy said.

Youth Advisory Council awards grants to local programs

This year the North Central Michigan Community Foundation Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) awarded over \$11,990 to support programs in Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties which they feel address the most pressing issues facing youth in their communities.

Grants awarded in Crawford County during this grant cycle were: \$595 to C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District to offer free admission for parents attending the Early Childhood Conference; \$460 to the Crawford/Roscommon Child Protection Council for the Parenting Resource Program; and \$250 to Crawford County Probate Court to purchase Declaration of Independence and U.S.

Constitution booklets for an education program for Grayling Elementary School children.

YAC is part of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation, which serves Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties. YAC is a group of young people who, under the guidance of adult advisors, strive to improve the lives of other children in the community through the allocation of grant money. Through this program members learn the power of philanthropy, and it empowers them to make a real difference as they award grants from the Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Endowment Funds. As the amount in the funds grow, through income and future gifts, the amount available to grant also grows.

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Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 26 of \$25 each; Don Fairbotham, Ticia Norman and Virgil Weaver.

Grayling Lions Club

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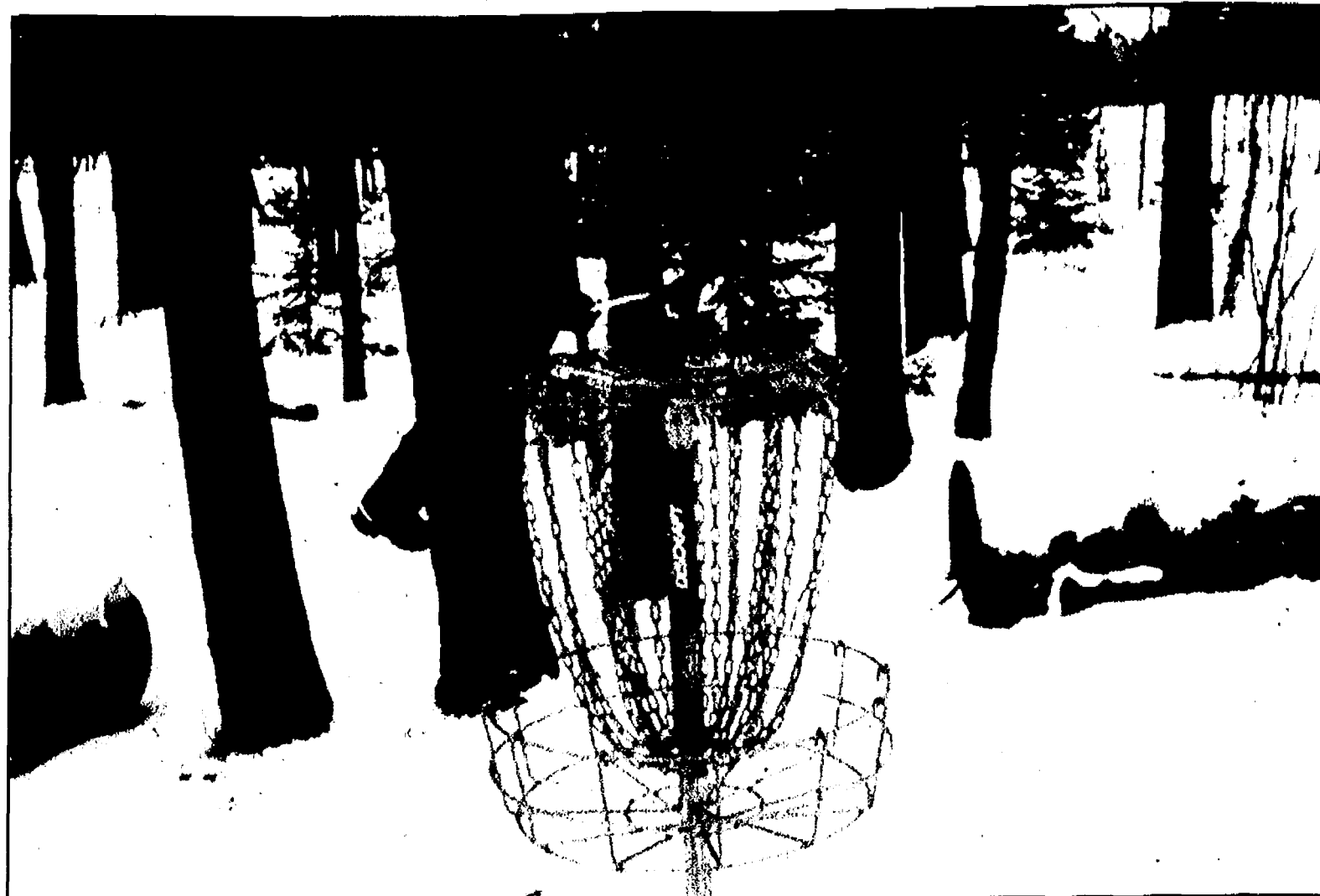


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Above, all nine baskets are in place for the Pine Knoll Disc golf course located at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area and players have been trudging through the snow to try out the new course. The course was added to give beginners, youth and the elderly a chance to take part in disc golfing, since the Grayling Rotary Disc Golf Course covers hilly terrain. Players can shovel snow off the tee pads on the new course, but are encouraged to place salt on the pads.

Honors

Central Michigan University announced fall semester honors for students from the Grayling area who

earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages. The students were Scott Myers, Jr., Kyle Ahnert, Keil Clough, Zachary Dean, Spencer Derenzy, Brianna Farrell, Krista Feeney, James Jimenez, Miesha McCuan, Ethan Neuberger, Nicholas Parkinson, Shivam Patel, Jordan Stephan and Meghan Wyskiel.

Local December graduates from Central Michigan University were Joshua

Stampfly, received (BS) Bachelor of Science and Samantha Wakeley, received her (BSED) Bachelor of Science in Education.

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Robert Haertel, formerly of Grayling, and a graduate of Roscommon High School and a veteran of the Army National Guard has recently received "Deans List" Honors at Thomas M. Cooley School of Law.

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USDA seeking proposals for conservation innovation grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has \$225,000 in conservation innovation grants funds available for projects in Michigan. The purpose of the grants is to develop and adopt innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production.

To be considered for funding, grant proposals must be sent to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in East Lansing or electronically submitted through www.grants.gov by March 30, 2012. The maximum funding for individual grants is \$75,000 that can cover up to 50 percent of the project cost.

Project proposals should demonstrate the use of innovative technologies or approaches to address one or more of the following natural resource concerns: water resources, soil resources, atmospheric

resources, grazing land and forest health, and wildlife habitat as well as technology concerns to improve on-farm energy efficiency. Projects must be located in Michigan and can be from one to three years in duration.

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A link to the full grant announcement is posted on the Natural Resources

Mercy Hospital Grayling OB physicians and nurses complete certification

Obstetricians and registered nurses have successfully completed their national certification in electronic fetal monitoring at Mercy Hospital Grayling. This national certification is an added qualification in electronic fetal monitoring designed to provide health care professionals the opportunity to demonstrate and be recognized for their exceptional knowledge in electronic fetal monitoring.

Electronic fetal monitoring is used to detect and graph the fetal heart rate and uterine contractions during labor. These graphs are interpreted by registered nurses and physicians in order to monitor oxygen to the baby and labor progress. In March, Mercy Hospital Grayling initiated a new documentation and fetal monitoring system called Centricity Perinatal. The system allows surveillance of fetal monitoring from every workstation in the

obstetrics unit. Physicians can also remote into the system from their homes or offices if needed.

The hospital was also able to increase the number of fetal monitors and labor beds with assistance from its parent organization, Trinity Health. Every bed in the Maternal and Newborn Center at Mercy Hospital Grayling can now accommodate a delivery and fetal monitoring. Additionally, the hospital has a stand-alone fetal monitor for remote observation of patients that may have reason to be in another unit.

"Our physicians and nurses have always been committed to providing safe, quality care. This certification demonstrates how they are keeping pace with recognized standards of obstetric care," said Lori Wightman, Chief Nursing Officer, Mercy Hospital Grayling.

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Honors

Dr. Syed Habib, Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Mercy Physician Network, recently became a published author in a prestigious medical journal.

In the January 2012 issue of the medically renowned Journal of the Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Habib serves as one of the expert authors on an article entitled "The Use of Intramedullary Nails in Tibiotalocalcaneal Arthrodesis." According to the article, "tibiotalocalcaneal arthrodesis is a salvage procedure undertaken for hind-foot problems that affect both the ankle and subtalar joints."

"We are extremely proud of Dr. Habib's recent accomplishment of becoming a published author in such an esteemed and well respected medical journal. We are honored to have

such a distinguished surgeon as part of our Mercy Physician Network, and fortunate to have his skill and expertise available to serve our local communities," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling. Habib has been part of the Mercy Physician Network since November 2007 and currently sees patients in both Grayling and Prudenville.

Area Events

Houghton Lake - The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at the Houghton Lake Community Building (located behind The Pines Theater) at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

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Hanson Hills hosts weekend of cross country ski racing

Hanson Hills Recreation Area hosted two cross country ski events during the weekend of Feb. 18-19 - The Back Up Race, a 12.6K skate race held on Saturday that featured approximately 100 competitors, and the Hanson Hills Classic, a 12K race held on Sunday. The Hanson Hills Classic featured close to 90 competitors.

Amy Powell won the women's division for The Back Up Race with a final time of 0:44:12. Laura Webb took second at 0:44:37.

Eli Brown won the men's division with a time of 0:38:10. Milan Baic finished second (0:38:12) and Ryan Harris was third (0:39:14).

Complete results are available on the

Internet at www.hansonhills.org.

The overall winners for Sunday's Hanson Hills Classic were Milan Baic (men's division, 0:38:24) and Tracy Hardin (women's division, 0:49:03).

Complete results are available on the Internet at www.hansonhills.org.



The Back Up Race 12.6K event competitors leave the starting line at Hanson Hills on Saturday, Feb. 18. Approximately 100 skiers participated in the event.

AuSable Wrestling Association

The AuSable Wrestling Association (ages 6-13) sent nine of its competitors to the NEMWA State Finals at

Bay County on Saturday, and five of them finished in the top four of their respective weight classes.

"This weekend was a lot of hard work and dedication that was able to shine through from a season of commitment," a team official said.

The team's placements at the state finals included: Dakotah Mansfield (2nd), Michael Phipps (2nd), Max Halstead (2nd), Logan Malonen (3rd), Cole Dickie (4th).

Another group of AWA wrestlers traveled to Mancelona on Saturday for a smaller tournament with the following results: Drew

Moore (1st), Thomas May (1st), Zachary Todoroff (2nd), Tucker Mertes (2nd), Deacon Meyers (3rd).

On Sunday, Dakotah Mansfield took 1st in a meet at Sault Ste. Marie. Justin Jamison placed 4th during a tournament at St. Louis. Thomas May finished 2nd at St. Louis.

The team is now training for regionals with the MYWAY organization with hopes of qualifying for the state finals in Battle Creek at the end of March.

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Varsity team wins at East Jordan and Charlevoix

Vikings finish second in Lake Michigan Conference

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team finished second in the Lake Michigan Conference this year, ending its league schedule with two victories on the road last week. Grayling posted an 11-3 record in conference play this year, two wins behind first place Traverse City St. Francis (13-1) and two wins ahead of third place Elk Rapids (9-5).

On Friday night, the Vikings ended their league slate with a 74-62 victory at East Jordan. Grayling led by as many as 23 in the contest, but the Red Devils rallied in the last 9:30 of regulation, pulling within eight at one point late in the fourth period.

Grayling started strong, outscoring East Jordan 25-10 in the first quarter. The Vikings scored their 25 with (in order) a three-pointer by Riley Zigila, an inside shot by Steven Enos, one free throw from Zigila, another inside shot by Enos, two free throws from Enos, an inside shot by Thomas Burrell, a put-back by Scott Parkinson, a drive by Jake Swander, two free throws from Tyler McClanahan, a jump shot by Parkinson, and another put-back from Burrell.

Grayling edged East Jordan 17-16 in the second quarter, scoring its 17 with two inside shots by Burrell, a drive by Zigila, one free

Lake Michigan Conference

Boys Basketball - Final Standings

St. Francis	13-1
Grayling	11-3
Elk Rapids	9-5
Boyne City	9-5
Charlevoix	7-7
Harbor Springs	5-9
East Jordan	2-12
Kalkaska	0-14

Last week's scores

Grayling 61, Charlevoix 54
Grayling 74, East Jordan 62
Boyne City 58, Harbor Springs 49
Boyne City 65, Kalkaska 15
St. Francis 66, Charlevoix 65 (OT)
East Jordan 87, Kalkaska 35
St. Francis 56, Elk Rapids 42
Harbor Springs 49, Elk Rapids 47

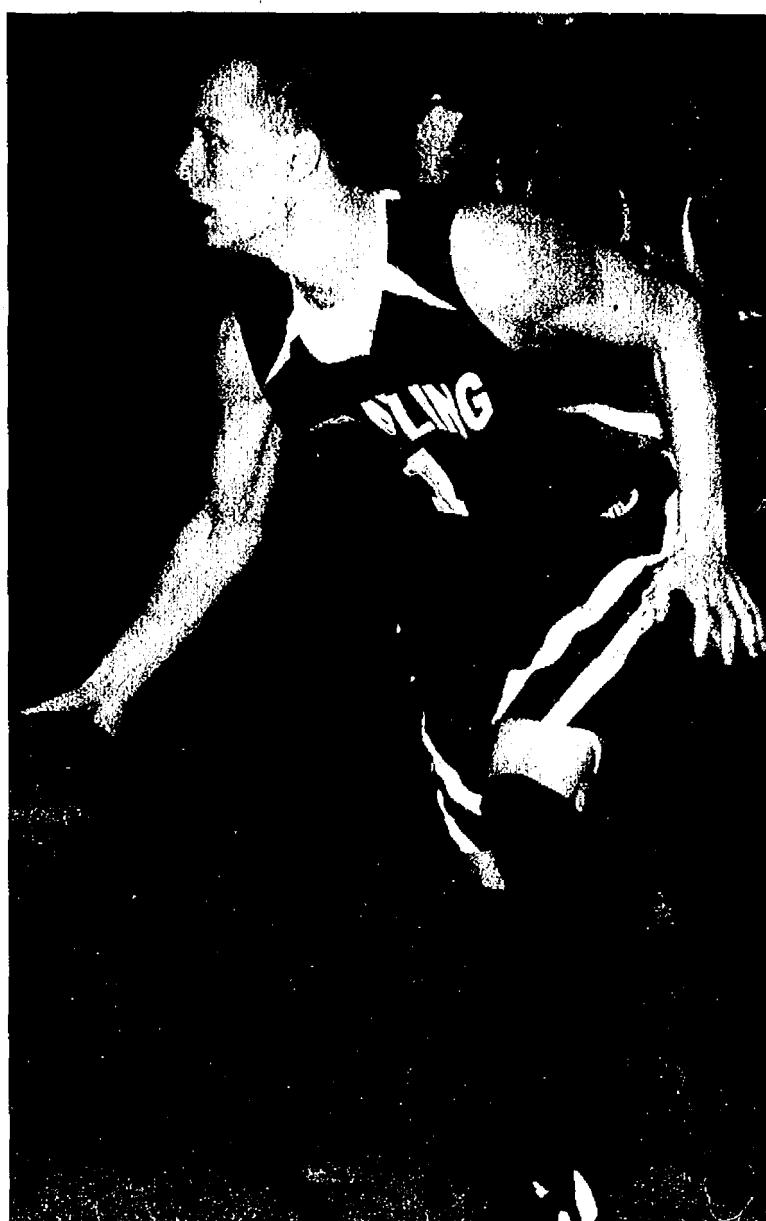
throw from Devon Dawson, an inside shot by Enos, a three-point play by McClanahan, a drive by McClanahan, and a triple by Swander.

The Vikings led by 23, 58-35, with 1:35 remaining in the third quarter. Enos scored 17 points for Grayling in the third period. East Jordan, from the third period's 1:30 mark to the fourth quarter's 3:30 mark, outscored Grayling 23-8, hitting five three-pointers during that span.

With 3:35 left in the fourth quarter the Vikings led by eight, 66-58.

Zane Tobin hit a three-pointer for GHS at the 3:08 mark. East Jordan scored on a put-back to pull within nine. Zigila scored on a drive. The Red Devils hit a jumper to cut Grayling's advantage back to nine.

East Jordan did not score



Devon Dawson, left, and Thomas Burrell, right, handle the ball for the Vikings during Friday's game at East Jordan.

in the final 1:54 of regulation. The Vikings hit 3 of 5 from the free-throw line down the stretch. Grayling won by 12, 74-62.

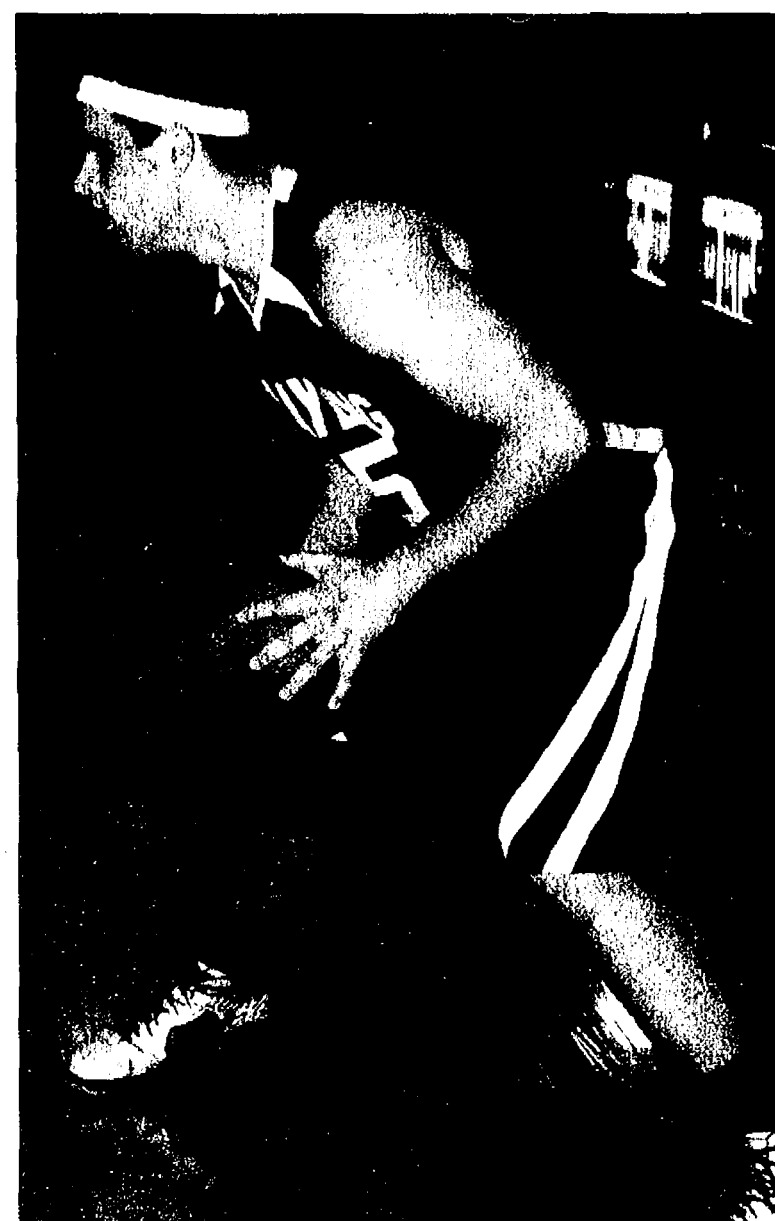
"We played well for 28 of the 32 minutes of the game," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Enos played a solid all-around game, especially on the boards. Burrell provided a presence in the paint. Ty McClanahan, Jake Swander, and Scott Parkinson provided a spark off the bench. Devon Dawson played out-

standing defense."

According to the team, Enos finished with 26 points and 14 rebounds. Burrell had 12 points and nine rebounds. Zigila and McClanahan had eight points apiece. Tobin had seven points and five assists.

On Tuesday night, the GHS varsity boys basketball squad won 61-54 at Charlevoix.

"We played very well through the first three quar-



ters, struggled most of the fourth, and then did a nice job the last two minutes of the game," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Tom Burrell was solid in the paint for us. Scott Parkinson gave us some great energy off the bench and played a solid all-around game. Steven Enos and Riley Zigila were both solid in the second half, especially at the free-throw line."

According to the team, Burrell finished the game

with 13 points and nine rebounds. Zigila had 12 points. Enos had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Grayling (15-4 overall, 11-3 league) will start its playoff run with a District 63-B semifinal game vs. the Roscommon Bucks on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at Roscommon. The winner will play for the district title at Cheboygan or at Houghton Lake at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

JV squad starts with 12-0 run, wins 59-35 vs. East Jordan

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team started strong vs. the visiting East Jordan Red Devils - Grayling outscored its opponent 12-0 in the first 6:29 of regulation - in a league contest that the Vikings won by 24 points, 59-35.

The Vikings had a 14-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. East Jordan didn't score until the 1:31 mark. Michael Branch, Scott Wakeley, Peyton Zigila, and Brandon Latusek scored points for the Vikings in the first period.

Grayling edged East Jordan 13-11 in the second

quarter, scoring 13 with (in order) a jumper by Carson Burmeister, a put-back by Justice Junttila, a three-point play by Junttila, one free throw from Jake Hinkle, a triple by Scout Tobin, and an inside shot by Matt Burrell.

Grayling led 27-18 at halftime.

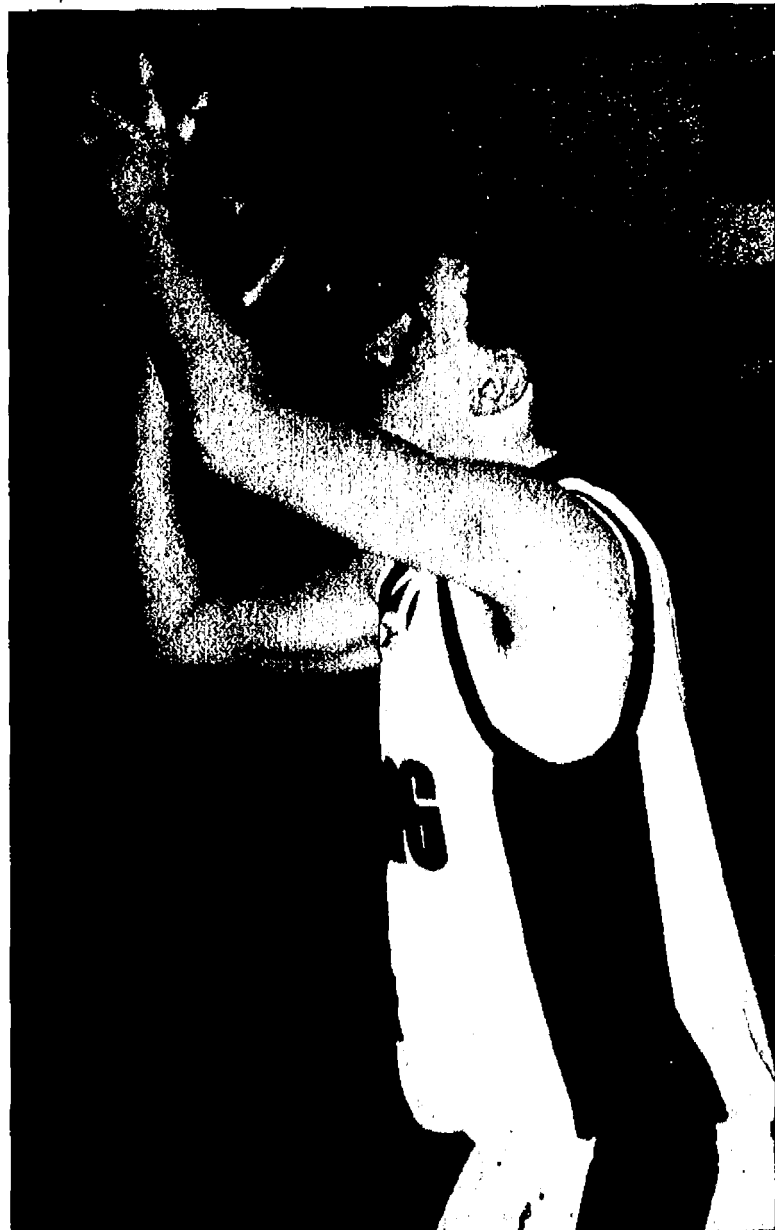
The Vikings outscored East Jordan 19-7 in the third period, extending their lead to 21. Grayling had a 17-2 run in the middle of the quarter. The Vikings scored their 19 points with a drive by Junttila, inside shots by Branch and Wakeley, a three-point play by Tobin, two free throws from

Wakeley, a put-back by Junttila, a lay-up by Tobin, an inside shot by Richie Sanford, and another lay-up by Tobin.

Grayling added 13 points to its total in the final eight minutes of regulation with (in order) a lay-up by Burrell, an inside shot by Zigila, one free throw from

Branch, a triple by Mitchell Thompson, an inside shot by Sanford, a lay-up by Tobin, and one free throw from Hinkle.

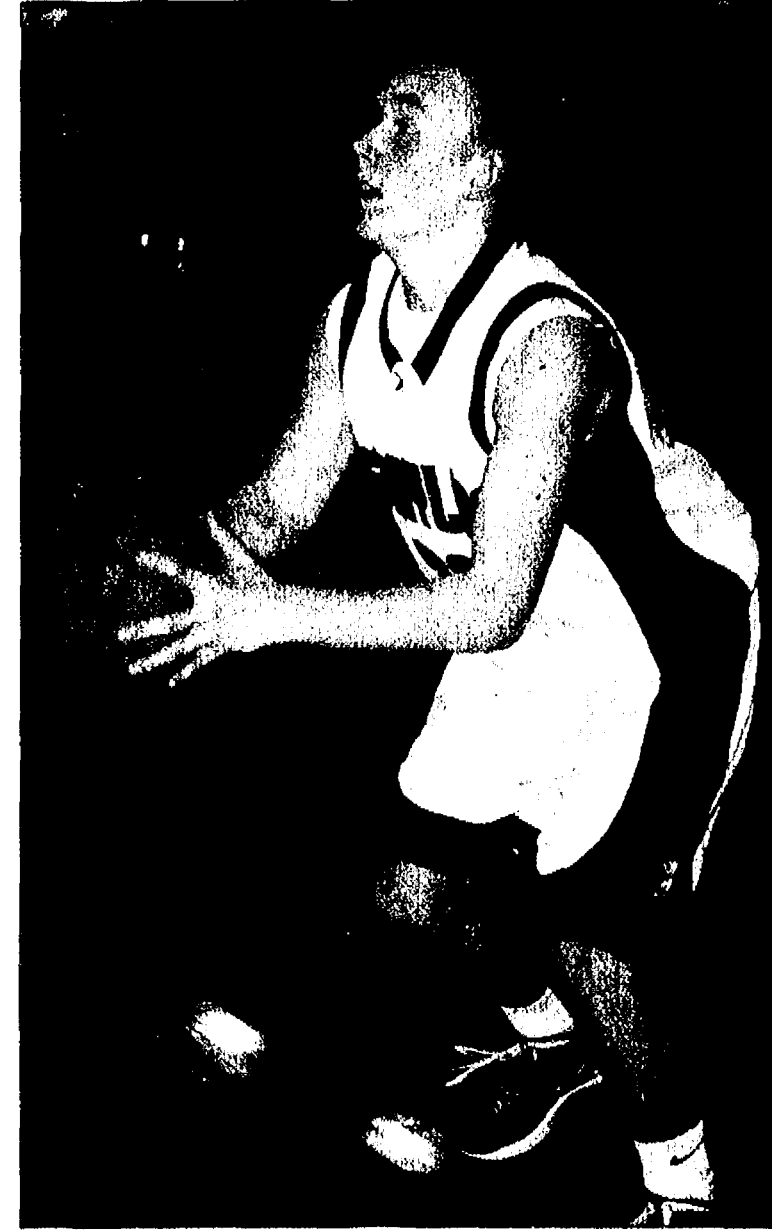
The Vikings won 59-35. Grayling (17-2 overall, 12-2 league) will end its season with a nonconference game this week.



Tyler Summers shoots the ball for the JV team on Thursday vs. East Jordan.



Richie Sanford dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Thursday night.



Carson Burmeister handles the ball for Grayling during last week's game vs. EJ.

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Caitlin Prosser, left, and Alyssa Morley, right, shoot the ball for Grayling during Tuesday night's league game against the Charlevoix Rayders.



Comeback attempt falls short in 63-59 loss vs. Charlevoix

Vikings end regular season with loss at East Jordan

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

It was a close game all the way through, and the score was tied with two minutes remaining in regulation. Charlevoix made enough plays down the stretch, hitting several key free throws, to beat Grayling 63-59 during Tuesday night's varsity girls basketball contest, a league match played at Grayling High School.

The visiting Rayders led by one, 12-11, at the end of the first quarter. Cierra Prosser scored five of Grayling's first 11 points. Maddie Benardo, Josie Swander, and Alyssa Morley also scored points for the Vikings in the first period.

Charlevoix outscored Grayling 20-12 in the second quarter. The Vikings scored their 12 with (in order) a jump shot by Caitlin Prosser, an inside shot by Morley, a lay-up by Hannah Haven, a jumper by Benardo, one free throw from Haven, and a put-back by Hailey Whittaker.

Grayling scored first in the second half with a lay-up by Cierra Prosser. Charlevoix scored. Swander hit two free throws for GHS. Cierra Prosser hit a jumper, cutting Charlevoix's lead to four.

The Rayders made two free throws and completed a three-point play to lead by nine, 39-30.

Down nine with 4:24 left in the third period, Grayling rallied. Benardo scored on an inside shot. Caitlin Prosser hit one of two from

Lake Michigan Conference

Girls Basketball - Final Standings

St. Francis	14-0
Kalkaska	12-2
East Jordan	8-6
Elk Rapids	7-7
Charlevoix	5-9
H. Springs	4-10
Boyer City	3-11
Grayling	3-11

Last week's scores

Charlevoix 63, Grayling 59
East Jordan 52, Grayling 27
Boyer City 47, Harbor Springs 42
Kalkaska 79, Boyer City 38
St. Francis 54, Charlevoix 45
Kalkaska 55, East Jordan 44
St. Francis 60, Elk Rapids 45
Elk Rapids 54, Harbor Springs 42

the free-throw line. Benardo scored on another inside shot. Caitlin Prosser scored on a put-back. The 8-0 run pulled Grayling to within one, 39-38.

On three trips to the free-throw line, Charlevoix made two free throws to lead by three. Haven hit a jump shot for the Vikings. The Rayders made the last two baskets of the third quarter to lead by five, 45-40, going into the final eight minutes of regulation.

Grayling scored the first two baskets of the fourth — both on lay-ups by Haven — to pull back within one. Charlevoix scored the next seven points to lead by eight, 52-44, with 4:03 remaining.

Cierra Prosser hit two free throws for GHS. Charlevoix scored on a jump shot. Haven scored for Grayling with a put-back. Cierra Prosser hit two more free throws. At the 2:46 mark, Prosser hit a three-pointer. Whittaker made a lay-up at the 2:29 mark, tying the contest at 55-55.

Charlevoix hit one of two from the free-throw line. The Rayders scored on a put-back to lead by three. Haven made one free throw.

The Rayders converted on 5 of 6 from the free throw line, extending their advantage to seven with 23 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Cierra Prosser hit a three-

pointer with 12 seconds remaining.

Neither team scored in the final seconds and Charlevoix won by four, 63-59.

"This game was a real barn burner. Although Charlevoix led the entire game, our girls scrambled and hustled the entire time. It was a full court game with a ton of possessions. Charlevoix shot 87 times and we shot 78 times; however, Charlevoix got to the free-throw line 17 more times, which ended up being the difference in the game as they scored 11 more points from the line. Our girls tried extremely hard and it was anybody's game at the end. We had our opportunities. Charlevoix was able to get to the line to end the game and give them credit; they were able to sink the pressure free throws to end the game," Coach Joe Powers said. "I'm proud of the girls for their effort and they have every right to be proud as they almost beat a very good team."

Cierra Prosser finished the game with 19 points. Haven had 14 points. Benardo scored nine points.

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The GHS varsity girls basketball team lost 52-27 at East Jordan on Friday night. The contest was the regular season finale for the Vikings.

East Jordan led 29-15 at

halftime. The Red Devils outscored Grayling 12-2 in the third quarter. They won by 25.

"We had a very difficult game on the road. We struggled to make a basket. Because we couldn't convert baskets, we weren't able to press as much as we like. East Jordan was able to slow the game down. We couldn't find a rhythm. This probably was our worst shooting night. East Jordan is a good team as they are third in the league. Our girls basketball league is very tough so we don't have any easy nights in our league. East Jordan was very comfortable on their own court and they shot the ball extremely well," Coach Joe Powers said.

Hannah Haven had seven points for Grayling. Hailey Whittaker scored six points. Sam Denno had five points.

"Playing in such a good league hopefully will prepare us well in districts. We are looking forward to playing in districts against Roscommon on our home court. Hopefully we'll be able to shoot the ball at a higher percentage. This will allow us to get into our press and that is what really makes us go," Coach Joe Powers said.

Grayling finished its 2011-2012 regular season with a 7-13 overall record and a 3-11 mark in league play.

Ski teams end year with regionals

The GHS boys and girls ski teams recently ended their 2012 seasons with a regional meet at Nub's Nob. The Vikings did not have a state qualifier this year, team or individual.

The boys placed eighth out of 11 teams at regionals. The squad's highest finishers in slalom were Curtis Wilson (27th), Aaron Kiessel (31st-tie), Luke Petrosky (31st-tie), and John Hilbrecht (33rd). In giant slalom

(GS), Hilbrecht took 29th and Petrosky was 32nd.

The girls took sixth out of 11 teams.

Grayling's top finishers in slalom were Emily Wingard (22nd), Randi Lemaster (23rd), Elle Smith (24th), Rachel Jensen (35th), and Alex Baudoux (36th). Smith took 16th in GS. Lemaster was 25th in GS and Wingard was 30th. Jensen took 34th and Baudoux was 35th.



Taylor Nielson, left, shoots the ball for the JV team during Tuesday's game vs. the Rayders. Rachel Money, right, drives for a lay-up vs. East Jordan on Thursday night.

JV Vikings unable to protect late lead, fall 40-38 in season finale

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings had a five-point lead late in the fourth quarter of Thursday night's junior varsity girls basketball contest, but they weren't able to protect it and the visiting East Jordan Red Devils rallied to win by two, 40-38.

East Jordan led 7-6 after one quarter. Grayling scored its six points with an inside shot by Maddie Nielson and jump shots by Jordan Tinker and Makayla Cragg.

The Red Devils opened the second period with a 10-3 run. Grayling finished the quarter with an 8-2 run. The Vikings scored their 11 points in the second period with (in order) an inside shot by Taylor Nielson, one free throw from T. Nielson, a jumper by Hailey Petty, an inside shot from Katie Vierling, another jumper by Petty, and a jump shot by Courtney Hatfield.

At halftime, East Jordan had a 19-17 advantage.

Grayling outscored the visiting team 7-4 in the third period. Allison Dorn, Cragg, and T. Nielson scored points for GHS in the third quarter.

The Vikings took a 26-23 advantage into the fourth period.

M. Nielson scored for Grayling on a put-back. East Jordan scored the next two baskets to pull within one. Rachel Money scored on an inside shot. The Red Devils scored twice to lead by one. Cragg hit an inside shot. East Jordan scored. Grayling answered with a jumper by Cragg. The Vikings scored the next four points with a put-

back by T. Nielson and free throws from T. Nielson and Hatfield.

With 2:09 left in regulation, Grayling led by five, 38-33.

East Jordan scored on a lay-up. The Red Devils hit one of two from the free-throw line to pull within two. An inside shot by East Jordan tied the game at the 1:30 mark (38-38).

With 43 seconds remaining East Jordan hit one of two from the free-throw line.

The Red Devils forced a tie-up on a rebound opportunity and the possession arrow favored Grayling. With nine seconds left in the game, East Jordan blocked a Grayling shot attempt and grabbed the loose ball, forcing the Vikings to foul to stop the clock. With seven seconds remaining, the Red Devils made one of two free throw attempts. Grayling's last second shot attempt missed and East Jordan won by two.

"The girls saved their best for last as they played a great game to finish the season. It would have been even better had we won the game, but the girls have a lot to be proud of from where they have come since the beginning of the season. We were right there the whole game and had three opportunities to tie at the end of the game; we just couldn't get one to fall," Coach Brooke Knight said. "I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such a great group of girls and I'm excited to see what next season will bring."

T. Nielson had nine points for the Vikings. Cragg finished with eight

points. M. Nielson had 18 rebounds. Petty had four steals.

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The GHS junior varsity girls basketball squad lost 54-36 vs. the visiting Charlevoix Rayders on Tuesday night.

The Rayders led 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. Charlevoix had a nine-point advantage at halftime, 28-19. Meagan Malm, Courtney Hatfield, Maddie Nielson, Rachel Money, Hailey Eames, Makayla Cragg, and Taylor Nielson scored points for the Vikings in the first half.

Charlevoix outscored Grayling 11-6 in the third quarter. Cragg, Money, and T. Nielson scored baskets for the Vikings in the third period.

The Vikings scored 11 points in the final eight minutes of regulation with an inside shot by M. Nielson, a put-back by T. Nielson, two jump shots by T. Nielson, one free throw from Hailey Petty, and a jumper by Hatfield.

Charlevoix won by 18, 54-36.

T. Nielson had 10 points and five rebounds for Grayling. M. Nielson had six points and 12 rebounds. Eames had eight rebounds and three steals.

"The girls played very hard and very well, especially in the first half. I think they really came out and surprised Charlevoix with how aggressive they were. We've definitely made some huge improvements since the last time we played Charlevoix, especially with how much better we were breaking their press," Coach Brooke Knight said.

The Vikings finished the year at 2-18 overall and 2-12 in league play.

9th graders end league slate at 11-0

The GHS freshman boys basketball team completed an undefeated season in league play with a 76-52 victory at Charlevoix on Tuesday night. The squad's only two losses of the season came against a nonconference foe (Gaylord).

The team's 76 points on Tuesday were a season high for Grayling. The squad had 18 steals and the Vikings shot 71 percent from the free-throw line (22 for 31). Every player on the team scored at least one point.

Jake Hinkle had 26 points, four assists, and five steals. Emmett Helsel had 11 points and six rebounds. Dylan Wyman had nine points and five rebounds. Carson Burmeister had eight points and six assists.

"Dylan Wyman played his best game of the year. Jake Hinkle shot the lights out," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "This may very well be the best game we have played all year and it showed with every player scoring to help put up a season high 76 points in

a game."

"Charlevoix played us tough in the first half but we went on a huge run in the third quarter to outscore Charlevoix 44-20 in the second half," Coach Kucharek said. "This was a big win for our team because it was our last conference game and we went undefeated in the league."

The Vikings (13-2 overall, 11-0 league) will finish their 2012 season with a nonconference game this week.

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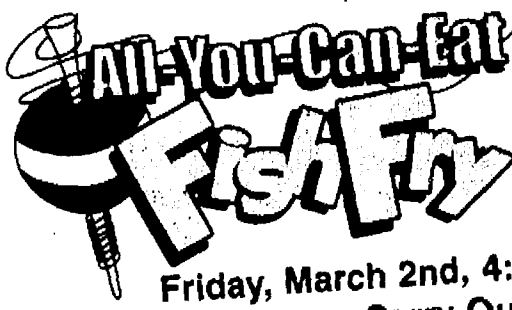


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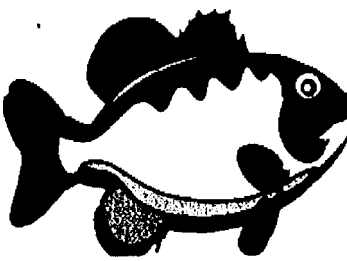
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Legal Action

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kristen L. Moran, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 5, 2005 and recorded July 12, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 200, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Seven and 35/100 Dollars (\$94,257.35) including interest at 5.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 28, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and is

identified as follows:
Parcel G: A parcel of land located in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, being further described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 29, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds West along the West section line 1314.52 feet to a 1/2 inches by 18 inches bar and cap number 30083; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 45 seconds East along the North 1/8 line 321.27 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 53 minutes 45 seconds East 321.28 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 57 seconds East 325.07 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds West 321.29 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 46 seconds West 325.17 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with and subject to a road and utility easement described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 29, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds West along the West Section line 956.26 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds West 66.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds East 655.81 feet; thence along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 100.00 feet, arc length of 561.60 feet, central angle of 321 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds, a chord bearing of South 00 degrees 05 minutes 15 seconds West, and a chord length of 66.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds West 655.60 feet to the Point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 23, 2012
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041

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(02-23)(03-15)

-23-1-8-15

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John M. Hartman and Sharon K. Hartman, husband and wife, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association sbm Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 2, 2004 and recorded July 19, 2004 in Liber 670, Page 174, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four and 65/100 Dollars (\$54,524.65) including interest at 6.11% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 4, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence South along Township line, a distance of 100 rods for a place of beginning, thence South along Township line 8 rods, thence East at right angles to Township line 20 rods, thence North parallel to Township line 8 rods, thence West

at right angles 20 rods to place of beginning, part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: March 1, 2012

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 224.6305
(03-01)(03-22)

-1-8-15-22

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery Miller, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 27,

2006 and recorded October 6, 2006 in Liber 683, Page 549, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eleven and 14/100 Dollars (\$65,611.14) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 21, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 34, and South 1/2 of Lot 35, Holiday Heights Subdivision, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 16, 2012

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 617.6460
(02-16)(03-08)

-16-23-1-8

Notice Of Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR

OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul I. Bielski, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2004, and recorded on December 6, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 763, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PNC Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Four and 38/100 Dollars (\$69,804.38), including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 28, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 385 and 386, Indian Glens of the Au Sable, Unit 5, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 23, 2012
For more information, please call: FCJ (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #391692F01 (02-23)(03-15)

-23-1-8-15



Brandi Conforti, left, shoots the ball for Grayling's 7th/8th grade combo team on Wednesday. Emma Prosser, center, drives for a lay-up vs. Elk Rapids during the 7th grade game. Erica Umlor, right, dribbles the ball for the 8th grade squad on Wednesday night.

GMS Girls Basketball

7th/8th grade

The GMS 7th/8th grade girls basketball combo team edged Elk Rapids 15-14 in a home game played on Wednesday night.

The Vikings led by one at halftime, 7-6. Elk Rapids had a one-point advantage, 10-9, going into the fourth quarter.

The Elks scored the first basket of the fourth period. Grayling scored the game's

next three baskets with jump shots by Jazlyn Decker, Kim Cook, and Sierra Stout. Elk Rapids hit a jump shot at the 3:06 mark to pull within one. Neither team scored in the final three minutes of regulation and Grayling won by one.

Cook had six points for Grayling. Decker, Stout, Shae-lin Kraycs, Crystal Battles, and Brandi Conforti also scored points for the

Vikings.

7th grade

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade girls basketball squad won 17-12 vs. the visiting Elk Rapids Elks on Wednesday.

Grayling led 4-2 at the end of the first quarter. The Vikings had an 11-6 advantage at halftime. GMS had a 13-8 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Elk Rapids scored the first four points of the fourth period with a put-back and two free throws, cutting Grayling's lead to one. Molly Leslie scored for Grayling on a lay-up. Natalie Amy scored on a lay-up in the final seconds, and Grayling won by five.

Amy had eight points for the Vikings. Leslie, Cortney Hickman, Jacalyn Denton, Hayley Pittman, and Emma

Prosser also scored points for GMS.

8th grade

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade girls basketball team held on for a four-point win, 40-36, vs. the Elk Rapids Elks on Wednesday in a game played at GMS.

The Vikings built a 21-10 advantage in the first half. Elk Rapids rallied in the second half, scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter, but Grayling won by four.

Erica Umlor had 14 points for the Vikings. Brittney Nielson had seven points and Sally Metiva scored six points. Emily Jackson finished with five points. Ashley Branch had four points. Jackie Bulmer and Cass DeBusschere also scored for GMS.

Legal Action

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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46th JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COUNTY
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**POSTING AND
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CASE NO. 12-8678-CH
Court address 200 W.
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MI 49738
Court telephone no. 989-344-
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Plaintiff
ANTHONY & SHIRLEY
CARUSO
Plaintiff's attorney
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
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(P71555)
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GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Grayling Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Charter Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W-M-72 HWY), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the proposed budgets will be available beginning March 5, 2012 at the Grayling Charter Township Hall: 2090 Viking Way, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone: 989-348-4361. FAX: 989-348-6713.

The regular meeting of the Board will be called to order immediately following the budget public hearing. The proposed budgets may be addressed at this meeting.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Charter Township Clerk

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an Organizational Meeting Monday, March 5, 2012, at 12:00 Noon in the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 12, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 15, 2012, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agriculture	49.25	1.0152
Commercial	48.62	1.0284
Industrial	77.9	.6418
Residential	55.25	.9050

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA42.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to Beaver Creek Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Beaver Creek Township by writing or calling the following:

Brian Ashton, Supervisor
Beaver Creek Township
8888 S. Grayling Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(898)275-8878

Brian Ashton
Beaver Creek Township Supervisor

v
Defendant
Thomas Gruich and Amelia
Gruich and/or their heirs, assigns
or devise
46865 Houghton Drive
Utica, MI 48087

TO: Thomas Gruich and Amelia
Gruich and/or their heirs, assigns
or devise

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to QUIET TITLE. You must file your answer or take

Advertisement of Available Service Offerings
Michigan Central Broadband Company is a quality telecommunications services provider who provides basic and enhanced services at reasonable rates within its service territory. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

	Low	High
Primary Basic Local Exchange Service	\$23.41	\$23.41
Single Party Residence Service	25.50	26.45
Single Party Business Service	26.53	36.29
Federal Subscriber Line Charge-Single Line	6.50	
Lifeline Service Surcharge	.07	
Universal Service Charge	1.16	
Toll Blocking	Available at no charge for low income customers that qualify.	
Emergency 911 Service	Surcharges for 911 services are assessed according to government assessments.	

Low income individuals eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up telephone assistance programs and residents of tribal lands may be eligible for discounts from these basic local service charges through state specified telephone assistance plans.

Basic services are offered to all consumers in the Michigan Central Broadband Company service territories at the rates, terms and conditions specified in the Company's tariffs. If you have any questions regarding the Company's services, please call us toll free at 877-216-0505, or visit our business office at 397 U.S. 41 N, Carney, Michigan for further information regarding our services. A subsidiary of Upper Peninsula Telephone Company. Michigan Central Broadband Company is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

PUBLIC NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act 1976 PA 267, the Frederic Township Board hereby list and post the place, time and dates of all the regular meetings during the 2011-2012 fiscal years as follows:

1. All regular meetings will be held at the Frederic Township Hall located at 7564 County Road 612, Frederic, MI 49733. Phone: 989-348-8778, Building & Zoning 989-348-8840, Fax 989-348-7365.

2. All regular meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. on the following dates:
(The times of the meetings will be changed from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M. on the same day, starting with the March 13, 2012 meeting. All meetings will be at 10:00 A.M. unless otherwise posted.)

July 12, 2011	January 10, 2012
August 9, 2011	February 14, 2012
September 13, 2011	March 13, 2012
October 11, 2011	April 10, 2012
November 8, 2011	May 8, 2012
December 13, 2011	June 12, 2012

Nancy L. Bindschatel
Frederic Township Clerk
P.O. Box 78
Frederic, MI 49733

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet for its Organizational Meeting on Monday March 6, 2012 at 1:00 PM. at the Frederic Township Hall at 6470 Manistee St., Frederic MI.

The board of review will meet with the public on:

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Frederic Township:

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	FACTORS
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Timber Cut-Over	50.00	1.0000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended. (The Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a (2) (3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In order to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor and the board of review and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the board of review, the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL211.30(7) of the General Property Tax Act, that the board of review shall receive letters, email to supervisor@frederictownship.org, by phone, or by representative of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests

William T. Johnson
Frederic Township Supervisor

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other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 03/26/2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement maybe entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in CRAWFORD COUNTY

AVALANCHE for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
Date 2/21/12
Judge DENNIS F. MURPHY
P31907

-1-8-15

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Budget Hearing for all Township Funds for 2012-2013 on TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

The proposed budgets can be viewed by calling the Clerk at 231 258-4359.

There will be an ANNUAL MEETING for the electors of BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP on SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk
231 258-4359

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE!

Eligible low-income residential customers of Michigan Central Broadband Company are encouraged to take advantage of available discounts on their telephone bills. The **LIFELINE** program provides people on limited incomes with an \$11.25 discount (up to \$12.35 for customers age 65 or older) on their monthly telephone charges. Additionally, under the **LINK-UP** program, qualified households may receive a 50 percent reduction (up to \$30.00) on the line connection charges (if approved within 60 days of initial installation). Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70.00 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60.00 and \$130.00.

To qualify for the **LIFELINE** program, 2012 annual household income must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels shown below.

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income Less Than	Gross Annual Income Less Than*
1	\$1,366	\$16,755
2	1,891	22,665
3	2,386	28,635
4	2,881	34,575
5	3,376	40,515
6	3,871	46,455
7	4,366	52,395
8	4,861	58,335

*Subject to change. Add \$5,940 annually (\$495 monthly) for each additional household member.

Or, the person must participate in one of the following federal assistance programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), National School Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Toll Blocking Service (TBS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking at no cost.

A resident of tribal lands qualifies for **LIFELINE** and **LINK-UP** if he or she meets the above criteria, or by participating in one of the following programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Program, Head Start (income-qualified customer only), or National School Lunch Program (free lunch program).

For further information on **LIFELINE** and **LINK-UP**, visit www.lifeline.gov.

If you or someone you know may be eligible for this program, please call Michigan Central Broadband Company for an application.

If you are not a customer of Michigan Central Broadband Company, please contact your local telephone service provider for an application.

Michigan Central Broadband Company
397 US 41 N, P. O. Box 86
Carney, MI 49812-0086
877-216-0505 (Toll Free)

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Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 4:00 PM

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions:
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Friday, March 16, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM

2012 tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property located within the City of Grayling are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

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Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The Mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage given by Keith Thorpe and Margaret Thorpe, husband and wife, whose address is 6530 E. County Road 612, Grayling, MI 49738, as Mortgages, to National City Bank of the Midwest, now known as PNC Bank, National Association, of One Financial Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49009, as Mortgagee, dated July 15, 2005, and recorded on July 19, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 351, Crawford County Records; and subsequently assigned to Land Holding, LLC, of 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2707, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 18, 2011, and recorded on December 13, 2011, in Liber 707, Page 166, Crawford County Records (the "Mortgage"). The balance owing on the Mortgage is One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine and 26/100 Dollars (\$117,979.26) at the date of this notice. No suit or proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is given that on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the applicable statutes, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises at public auction to the highest bidder in the Main Lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan (which is the building where the Circuit Court for Crawford County is held). The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 5.0% per annum, all legal costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees allowed by law and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The premises to be sold at the foreclosure is all of that real estate and improvements situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at a point North 55 degrees East 121 feet from the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West for a Place of Beginning; thence North 14 degrees West 100 feet; thence North 54 degrees 14 minutes East 300 feet; thence South 13 degrees 19 minutes East 100 feet; thence South 55 degrees West 300 feet to the Place of Beginning; ALSO a parcel of land commencing 150 feet Northeasterly of the Bank of the North Branch of AuSable River in Section 19; thence in a Northeasterly direction 445 feet, being 66 feet in width and part of the abandoned Twin Lakes & Northeastern Railroad Right of Way.

Parcel ID No. 010-12-019-03-245-00

Commonly known as: 6530 E. County Road 612, Grayling, MI 49738.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the Mortgages will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 2, 2012
LAND HOLDING, LLC
By: PLUNKETT COONEY
Joseph M. Ammar (P41972)
Attorneys for Land Holding, LLC
950 Trade Centre Way, Suite 310
Kalamazoo, MI 49002
(269) 226-8845

-2-9-16-23-1

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Rex H. Thomas and Karen R. Thomas, Husband and Wife to Cresleigh Financial Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 2001 and recorded January 4, 2002 in Liber 0566 Page 001 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas fka Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2002-1, by assignment dated August 24, 2011 and recorded August 30, 2011 in Liber 706 Page 47 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$51,789.10) including interest 9.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit

Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 28, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Eleven (11) and Lot Twelve (12) of Block (19) of the original Plat of the Village (now city) of Grayling. Commonly known as 200 Peninsular Ave, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale,

unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL

600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 2/23/2012 Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas fka Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2002-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Poteslivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-56408 (02-23)(03-15)

relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Date 2/5/12
Judge DENNIS F. MURPHY
P31907

-16-23-1

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Charter Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 12th, 2012, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. Board of review will also be held on Thursday, March 15th from 6-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 17th from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via the P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.

Class	Tentative Ratio
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	49.94
Industrial	49.68
Residential	49.63

All correspondence must be received by March 15th, 2012.

Rick Harland, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOR/pak

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2012 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:		
Mon., March 12, 2012	9am - noon	1pm - 4pm
Thurs., March 15, 2012	1pm - 4pm	6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	TENTATIVE RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

Notice

South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 12, 2012, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 15, 2012, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax (989)275-4860, provided protest letter is received prior to close of last meeting (March 15, 2012 @ 9:00 P.M.).

Tentative ratio and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2012 are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Opening Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meetings or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk / Laurie Luck, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48853
(989) 275-8232

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 12-8677-CH
Court address 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE, GRAYLING, MI 49738
Court telephone no. 989-344-3206

Plaintiff
ANTHONY & SHIRLEY CARUSO
Plaintiff's attorney
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
BY: ADAM T. VERNON
(P71555)
2373 S I-75 BUSINESS LOOP/
PO DRAWER 665
GRAYLING, MI 49738
989-348-5232

v
Defendant
NORMAN H. REUSS and/or his heirs, assigns or devisees
0300 W. BEECHWOOD DRIVE
SE
E. GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49506

TO: NORMAN H. REUSS and/or his heirs, assigns or devisees

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to QUIET TITLE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 03/12/2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement maybe entered against you for the

ATTENTION LOVELLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Notice of Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Township Budget
Tuesday, March 13th, 2012
at 10:00 AM
Lovells Township Hall

Notice is hereby given that the Lovells Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Township Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 at 10:00 AM Tuesday, March 13th, 2012, at the Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738.

In accordance with the law estimated revenues and proposed expenditures will be submitted for consideration for the Township General Fund, the Township Landfill Fund, and the Township Liquor Fund for FY 2012-2013. A copy of the proposed FY 2012-2013 budget is available for public inspection beginning Thursday, March 8th, 2012 at the Township Clerk's office during normal business hours (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Tu/We/Th).

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this Public Hearing.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72 (2) (3) and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). The Lovells Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at this Public Hearing upon 10 days notice to the Lovells Township Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lovells Township Clerk at 989-348-9215 for FAX 989-348-6437.

Proposed minutes of the Public Hearing shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Lovells Township Clerk not more than eight business days after the hearing.

Cynthia Infante, Township Clerk
989-348-9215
Gary Neumann, Township Supervisor

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

Ordinance No. 1 of 2012

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE AN ENFORCING AGENCY TO DISCHARGE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND TO DESIGNATE REGULATED FLOOD HAZARD AREAS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT, ACT NO. 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1972, AS AMENDED.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Agency Designated.

Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official of Crawford County is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended. Crawford County has assumed responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout the corporate limits of South Branch Township.

Section 2. Code Appendix Enforcement.

Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the Crawford County Building Official throughout the corporate limits of South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Section 3. Designation of Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Areas.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled "Crawford County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions)" and dated April 17, 2012 and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) panel number(s) of 26039C; 0215A, 0220A, 0250A, 0325A, and 0350A and dated April 17, 2012 are hereby adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and are hereby declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Section 4. Repeals.

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective the day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Ordinance No. 1 of 2012 was adopted on the 14th day of February, 2012, by the South Branch Township Board as follows:

Motion by: Suzanne Luck
Seconded by: Paul Husselman
Yeas: Janisse, Musselman, S. Luck, L. Luck, and George
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Lynn George, Clerk

Laurie Luck, Supervisor

I certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1 of 2012 that was adopted at a regular meeting of the South Branch Township Board on February 14, 2012 and published in the Crawford Avalanche on March 1, 2012.

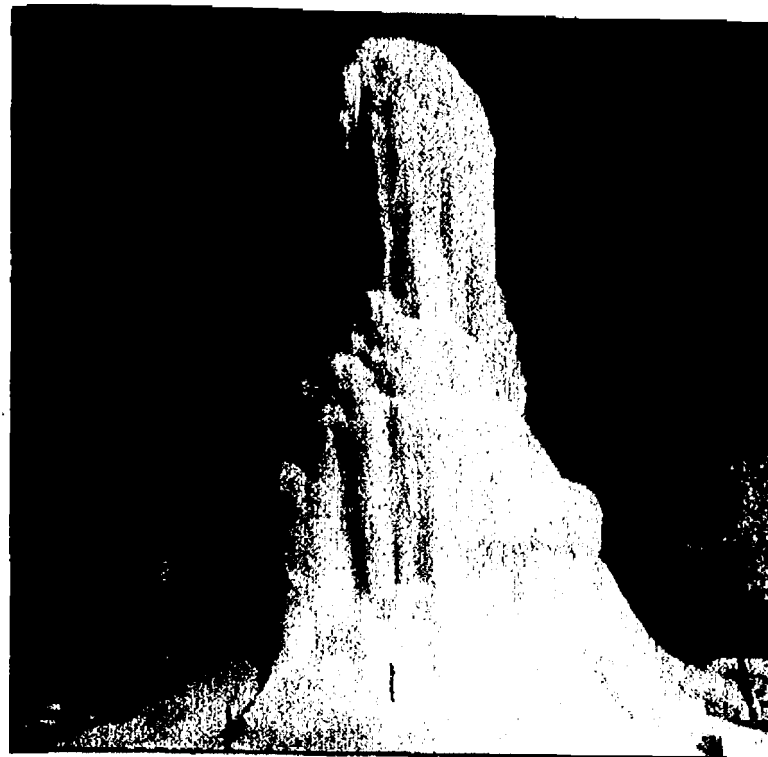
Dated: March 1, 2012

Lynn George, Clerk

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 2, 1989 - Pine Knoll's Ice Tree topped the 42 foot level and continues to grow. This ice tree is now over 42 feet tall, making it taller than the ice tree at Gaylord (37 feet) and the one at Clare (36 feet) both cities were claiming their ice tree was the biggest in the north.

23 Years Ago March 2, 1989

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted 6 to 1 to allow the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) to schedule a special millage election on May 16. The GRA will be asking voters to approve a 1/4 mill tax renewal for the operation of the Hanson Hills Recreational park through 1995, when renewal of the

current lease is negotiated with the Michigan National Guard.

The Grayling City Council has authorized City Manager, Jerry Morford, to arrange the engineering for the reconstruction of Michigan Avenue from the railroad tracks to Michelson Methodist Church. The project will include sidewalk replacement for two of the three blocks scheduled for construction.

A larger than usual crowd turned out on Wednesday, Feb. 22, to cheer on the girls volleyball team to victory against a strong Gaylord St. Mary's team. Grayling had to go the distance, five games, but pleased the Parent's Night audience winning the match 15-6, 6-15, 15-12, 13-15 and 15-6.

46 Years Ago March 3, 1966

The site for a proposed new Crawford County Building has been decided upon by the County Building Authority, chairman Olin Williamson advised the Avalanche. The site selected is at the west end of Michigan Avenue across the NYC railway tracks. New York Central has agreed to sell to Crawford County a plot of 3.2 acres which includes a small amount of frontage on the AuSable River.

The Grayling High School Vikings basketball team, with one eye on the tournaments, split in their final two games of the regular season last week. Both games were played at home. They defeated the Roscommon Bucks 58 to 41, but fell to the East Jordan Red Devils 84 to 63.

On Feb. 16, Barbara Smock, was a hostess for a

Tupperware Party with Virginia Laurent as demonstrator. Guests were Beatrice Thayer, Phyllis Thompson, Betty Madsen, Bernetta Smock, Pat Legg, Marion Parks, Jessie Smock and Lois Hatfield. Ideas were shown for making napping holders, hanging planters and others were displayed.

69 Years Ago March 4, 1943

The Quality Food Store on the south side has completed the installation of a beautiful new black and white counter.

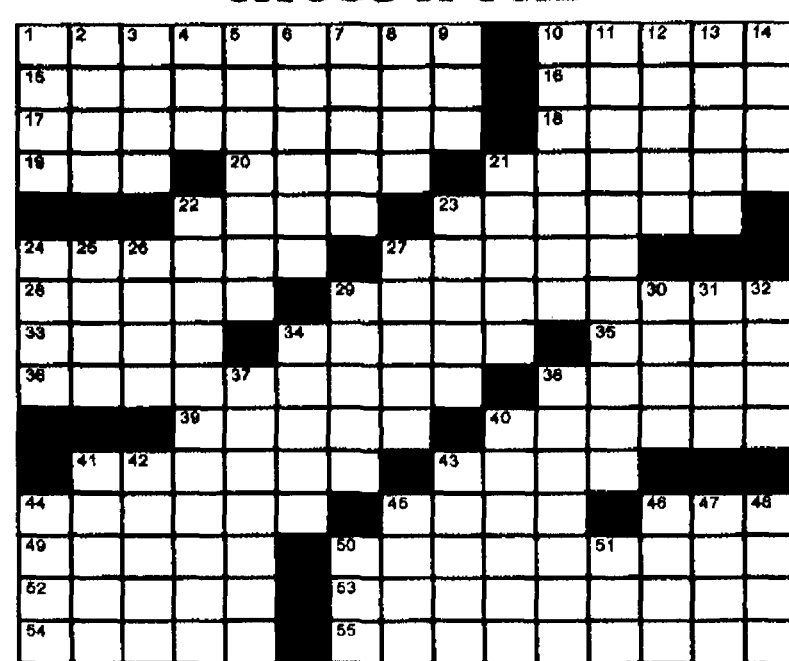
"No more deliveries" says Arnold Burrows of the Burrows Food Market. Food rationing stamps make this necessary, for purchases must be made at the store.

92 Years Ago March 4, 1920

Peter Burg of Grand Rapids was in the city arranging for a Railway Men's Union Cooperative Association store. They have purchased the Larson building, corner of Cedar and Ottawa streets.

The Dowel and Tie Plug plant had to close down Tuesday, because of a broken shaft.

CROSSWORD



Across

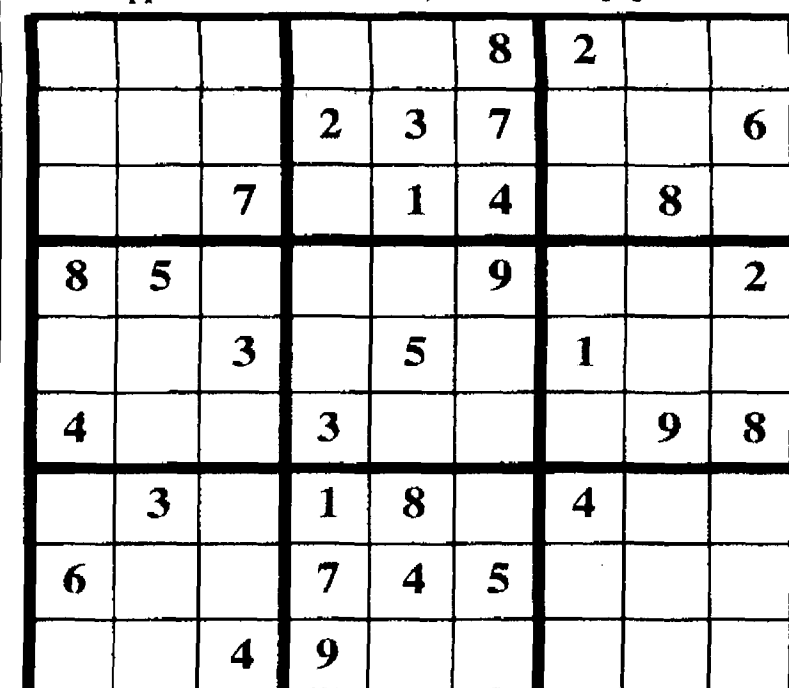
1. Emergency vehicle
10. Eyeball benders (2 wds)
15. Those with sound judgment
16. Optician's rouge
17. Those who are confined in wartime
18. Lingo
19. Directly
20. "How ___!"
21. W African storytellers
22. Bent
23. Protein particles responsible for degenerative diseases of the nervous system
24. ___ and Hardy
27. Amalgam
28. Buenos ___
29. Small tart tree fruit
33. "I had no ___!"
34. Be bombastic
35. Hip bones
36. Discuss an issue from a different point of view
38. Considers
39. Daughter of Saturn
40. Take back
41. Vascular inner layer of skin
43. Supergarb
44. Pranksters
45. Kill, in a way
46. Long-jawed fish
49. Old World plants, such as cuckoo-pint
50. Condiment on lamb (2 wds)
52. Lure
53. Person who attacks another
54. Flip, in a way
55. Came in again

Down

4. "It's no ___!"
5. Large motor vehicles with flat platforms
6. Yearly
7. Demands
8. Algonquian Indian
9. Cousin of -trix
10. Egg-shaped instrument
11. Object valued for evoking a historical time (2 wds)
12. About 1% of the atmosphere
13. Laugh-a-minute folks
14. Makes lace
21. Cousin of a loon
22. Hansel and Gretel's trail marks (2 wds)
23. Braids
24. Animal house
25. Assistant
26. Carbamide
27. Chutzpah
29. Algonquian Indians
30. "Guilty," e.g.
31. Describe
32. "___ of Eden"
34. Gold bird
37. 1919 world heavyweight champion
38. Sediment
40. Wicker material
41. Egyptian corn
42. Small ornamental ladies' bags
43. Perfume
44. Street fleet
45. Workbench attachment
46. ___ gum, used as thickening agent in food
47. Bad marks
48. Abbr. after many a general's name
50. Fold, spindle or mutilate
51. A pint, maybe

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #M1 Hard, Difficulty Rating 0.72)

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

HOROSCOPES

Week of February 26, 2012



December 22-January 19

This will be a week to remember as old friends and new drop by. Roll out the welcome mat and prepare to have a lot of fun, Capricorn. You deserve it.



March 21-April 19

Drop the pretense, Aries. Your body language is giving you away. Say what's on your mind and you'll be surprised at what happens next.



June 22-July 22

Pay them no heed, Cancer. Keep pursuing your idea, and you will prove to those naysayers that you're on to something great. An order is completed.



September 23-October 22

Caution, Libra. You're veering off course. Take steps now to get back on track or prepare to suffer the consequences. A sporting event takes an unexpected turn.



January 20-February 18

One more time, Aquarius. You are so close to reaching your goal. Pennies saved here and there will make a big difference later when you need it most.



April 20-May 20

Try as you might, Taurus, you won't be able to fool others, much less yourself, for long. Face up to your limitations, work within them and all will go well.



July 23-August 22

You're the comeback kid this week, Leo. You manage to finish all of those tasks gone sour and take on more than your fair share of new responsibilities.



October 23-November 21

Relax, Scorpio. A friend has got your back. Keep plugging along on the big picture and let them attend to the minor details. A phone call puts you on cloud nine.



February 19-March 20

Projects around the house wrap up, making way for a hobby. Time to clean out the closets and get cracking, Pisces. A new face proposes an old idea with a twist.



May 21-June 21

Gracious Gemini. You give, and you give, and you give some more, but these days, it seems like no one is giving back. Don't let that stop you—you're making a real difference.



August 23-September 22

Your genius side kicks in, and suddenly you've got the answers for everything. Enjoy the accolades, Virgo. It's your turn to shine. An invite makes you giddy.



November 22-December 21

A chilling tale reminds you that some offers are too good to be true. Remember that as you weed through the paperwork on your desk. Something is a-miss, Sagittarius.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Open: Everyday - 10am to 3pm

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Birdy

Two month old Birdy is looking for a home. This very sweet and pretty little calico/tabby shorthair is comical and cute and affectionate. She is a darling little kitten from the tip of her nose to the end of her crooked little tail. This kitten has been vaccinated and Feline Leukemia tested.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.assc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

SLOW COOKER CHEESY CHICKEN & POTATOES

Ingredients:

1 large green pepper, chopped
1 lb. red potatoes (about 3), very thinly sliced
1 tsp. paprika
8 small bone-in chicken thighs (2 lb.), skin removed

1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup
1/4 lb. (4 oz.) cheddar cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

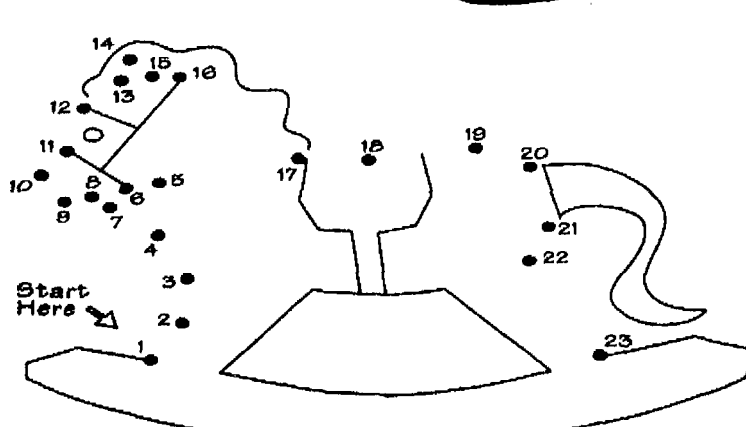
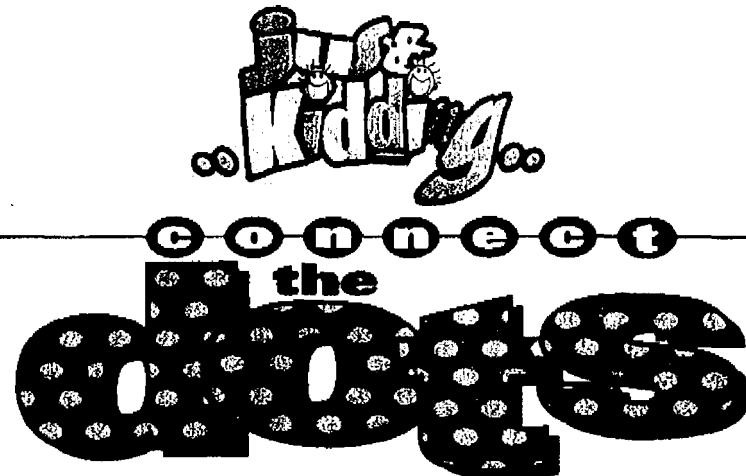
Directions:

PLACE peppers in slow cooker sprayed with cooking spray; top with potatoes. Sprinkle paprika over chicken. Place 4 thighs in slow cooker; cover with soup and remaining thighs. Cover with lid.

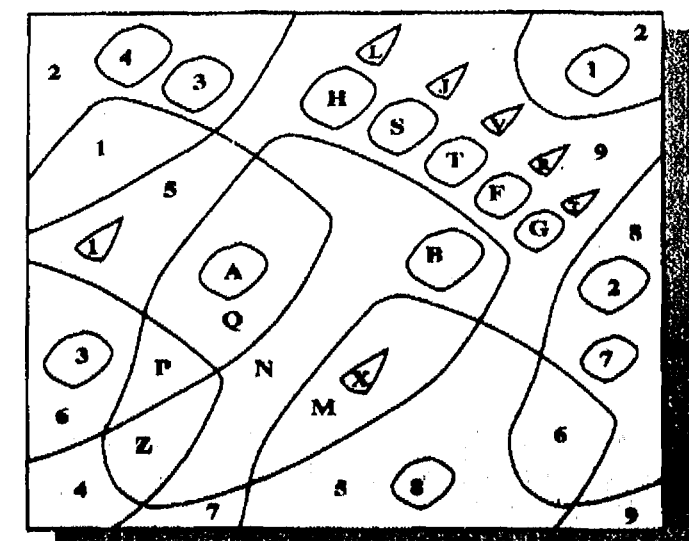
COOK on LOW 6 to 8 hours (or on HIGH 3 to 4 hours).

USE slotted spoon to transfer chicken and vegetables to platter; cover to keep warm. Set slow cooker on HIGH heat. Add cheese and Worcestershire sauce to reserved liquid in slow cooker; stir. Cover with lid; cook 5 min. Stir until cheese is completely melted and sauce is well blended. Spoon over chicken and vegetables; top with parsley.

Prep Time: 15 min
Total Time: 6 hrs, 20 min
Makes: 4 servings



HIDDEN PICTURE



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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain Inches
02/20	40	2	0
02/21	35	25	T
02/22	36	20	0
02/23	36	27	0.14
02/24	30	22	0.10
02/25	30	10	0
02/26	33	15	0

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 31 Low 22	High 36 Low 31	High 31 Low 18	High 25 Low 15	High 35 Low 24	High 41 Low 27
Few Snow Showers	Partly Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

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Classifieds must be paid for in advance
 Display Advertising Rate - \$8 per column inch
 Deadline for Display Classifieds - Noon, Monday
 Classifieds by the word rates - \$6 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes internet listings: www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com
 Classified by the word deadline - Noon Tuesday

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/tf/1)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT NEWER 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car detached garage. \$680 month plus utilities, 4 miles from town, 989-390-4078. (-1-8-15-22/2)

EFFICIENCY CABINS Close to town. \$380 per month, \$380 security, \$50 cleaning fee, utilities not included, no pets. 989-348-5124. (-1/2)

2 BEDROOM, enclosed walk-out basement, appliances, tenant pays utilities. S. Grayling Rd. \$525 month 989-942-6563. (-1/2)

FOR RENT 3 BEDROOM house in downtown Grayling. One bath, fenced in back yard. Call 616-942-1199. (23-1/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE in city of Grayling, 404 Date St. Range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, basement, storage shed, large yard. No pets, \$575 month, plus \$575 security deposit. Tenant pays utilities, 989-348-4716. (-2/23/12/tf/2)

FULLY FURNISHED vacation or short term housing near Lake Margrethe. Very nice, daily, weekly, monthly. Call Pete Kocofas, 989-344-7669. (-23-1-8/2)

FIND THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811.

2. For Rent

Rentals

WATERFRONT! 75' on Lake Margrethe, furnished 3 bedroom, 1 bath, attached 2 car garage, dock, jet ski & boat hoist, outstanding view, requires one year lease \$1,200/Month



Cobble Creek I located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms, 3 Bedrooms Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available.

Rent is based on income. FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CALL 989-348-3150
 This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider, and Employer.
 Equal Housing Opportunity.
 TDD # (800) 649-3777.

1. Real Estate

Recently Foreclosed, Special Financing Available, Any Credit, Any Income
 3BD, 2BTH, 1144SqFt, located at, 205 S Main Street, Roscommon, \$45,000
Visit: www.roselandco.com/A3G
 Drive by then call (866)769-4495

2. For Rent

KITCHENETTES FOR RENT/MONTHLY Available March 1. No deposit and includes all utilities. Cable TV, stove, refrigerator. Western Trails Motel, 989-348-7681. (-1-8/2)

MONTHLY HOME RENTALS near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/tf/2)

3. Employment

JOBS FOR MEN/WOMEN in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-2-9-16-23-1-8-15-22-29/3)

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1. Real Estate

3. Employment

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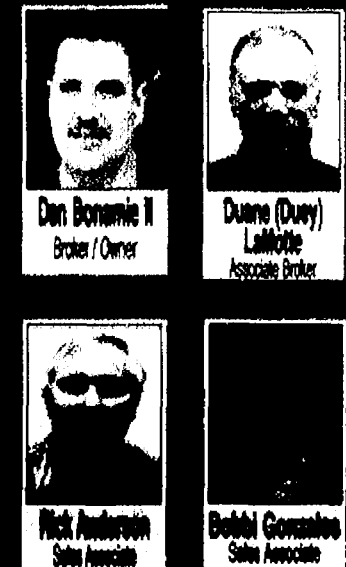


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10. Garage Sale

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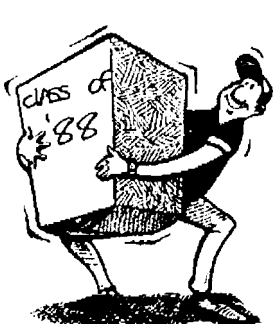
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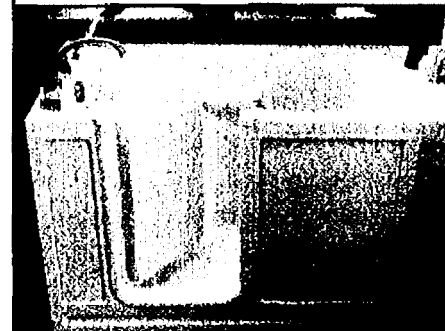
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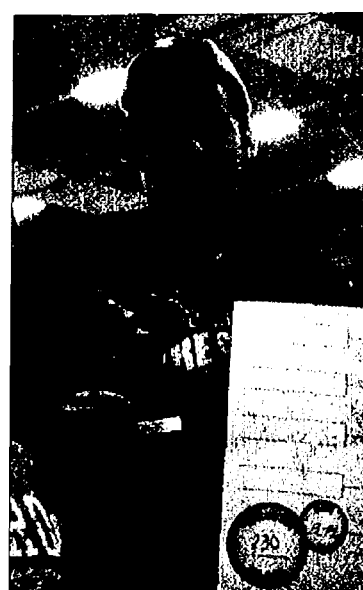
Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

Six Grayling Youth Wrestling Club (GYWC) members placed in the top four at the NEMWA state finals on Saturday, including one first place finisher.

Joe Castillo won his weight division at the state finals. The GYWC had three second place finishers: Ethan Dannenberg, Zach Duncan, Nick Petrie. Alex Ferrigan and Tim Burr placed third.

The squad had nine wrestlers at the state finals.

"All nine of our wrestlers competed at a high level," Coach Larry Duvall said. "We are proud of all of them and are extremely pleased with our season. This wraps up our NEMWA season, although some wrestlers will compete at some non-league tournaments."



Joe Castillo



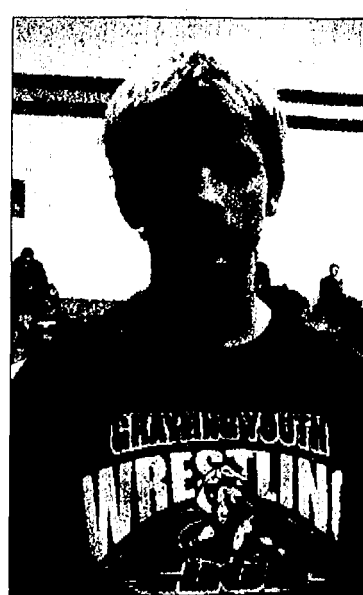
Ethan Dannenberg



Zach Duncan



Nick Petrie




Alex Ferrigan



Tim Burr


Pool League


Women's Standings			
Frederic Inn	156	Ramada Inn	92
Legion	123	Swamp 2	91
Gray Rock	113	Two Track	145
		5 Ball Run: Melanie (Two	
		Track) and Carla (Gray	
		Rock).	
		7 Ball Run: Vickie (Frederic	
		Inn).	




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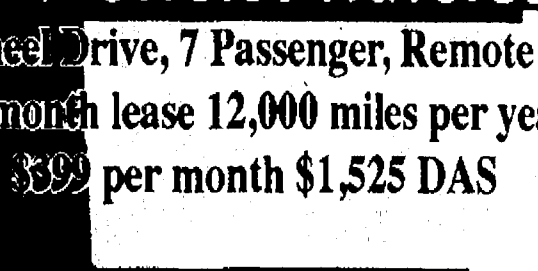
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